



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6

February Session, 2026



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 (A) school breakfasts to all students at no charge to such
35 students, and (B) school lunches to all students eligible for free or
36 reduced priced lunch at no charge to such students, and (2) be entitled
37 to receive a grant from the Department of Education for such free school
38 breakfasts and school lunches. As used in this section, "eligible school
39 district" means a local or regional board of education, state or local
40 charter school or an interdistrict magnet school operator that (A) is
41 participating in the federal School Breakfast Program or the National
42 Lunch Program, as the case may be, and (B) is not implementing the
43 Community Eligibility Provision; and "Community Eligibility
44 Provision" means the federal meal reimbursement program
45 administered by the United States Department of Agriculture, as set
46 forth in 7 CFR 245.9, as amended from time to time.

47 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) No person who is convicted
48 on or after October 1, 2026, of a violation of sections 53-20 to 53-21a,
49 inclusive, section 53-23, 53a-70c, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of
50 section 53a-86, section 53a-90a, sections 53a-196 to 53a-196f, inclusive, or

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

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

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

78 Sec. 5. Section 10a-57g of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes
79 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
80 *October 1, 2026*):

81 (a) As used in this section:

82 (1) ["Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information

83 Network" or "P20 WIN"] "Data Link Connecticut" or "DataLinkCT"
84 means a state integrated data system utilized for the purpose of
85 matching and integrating data of state agencies and other organizations
86 to inform policy and practice for education, workforce and supportive
87 service efforts.

88 (2) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges and
89 Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the Office of
90 Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut
91 Conference of Independent Colleges and any entity that has executed
92 an enterprise memorandum of understanding for participation in [the
93 P20 WIN] DataLinkCT and has been approved for participation
94 pursuant to the terms of the enterprise memorandum of understanding.

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

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

104 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall serve as the
105 administrator for [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT to support the executive board
106 and data governing board, develop procedures for secure sharing and
107 analysis of data and provide program management to support the
108 continued operation and maintenance of [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, in
109 accordance with the state data plan and data sharing efforts specified in
110 sections 4-67n and 4-67p.

111 (d) [The P20 WIN] DataLinkCT shall be governed by an executive
112 board that shall provide oversight of such network. Said executive
113 board shall include, but need not be limited to, the chief executive officer
114 of each participating agency, or their respective designees, the Chief

115 Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee, and the Secretary of the
116 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee. The duties
117 of the executive board shall be to:

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

121 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing
122 board.

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

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

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

130 (6) Establish a data governing board to establish and implement
131 policies related to cross-agency data management, including, but not
132 limited to, data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision
133 for [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT and any applicable law. In establishing
134 such policies, the data governing board shall consult with the Office of
135 Policy and Management, in accordance with the provisions of sections
136 4-67n and 4-67p and other applicable statutes and policies.

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

141 (f) (1) Each regional workforce development board established under
142 section 31-3k shall regularly submit data to [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT
143 to report on the performance and outcomes achieved by the state's
144 workforce system, including, but not limited to, workforce training and

145 development programs that receive federal and state funds or grants.
146 Not later than September 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall, in
147 consultation with the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Data Officer and
148 the regional workforce development boards, establish standards for the
149 submission of data by regional workforce development boards
150 specifying the data to be submitted and the form and manner in which
151 to submit such data.

152 (2) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief
153 Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer and
154 the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of [the P20 WIN]
155 DataLinkCT a request for data and analysis of such data for the
156 purposes of assessing performance and outcomes of the state's
157 workforce system. Such data and analysis request shall be completed by
158 the administrator of [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT not later than August
159 15, 2022, and annually thereafter.

160 (g) Not later than October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
161 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in
162 section 10a-1, and such constituent unit's central or system office, if any,
163 shall submit, in a manner that complies with the requirements of the
164 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g, as amended
165 from time to time, data to [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT to report on the
166 outcomes of postsecondary education and workforce development
167 programs operated by such constituent unit. Not later than September
168 1, 2025, the Chief Data Officer shall specify the form and manner in
169 which to submit such data. Any report produced from such data shall
170 be in aggregated form and, consistent with any other provision of state
171 or federal law, shall not include any personally identifiable information
172 of students or participants in such programs.

173 Sec. 6. Subsection (c) of section 4-124w of the 2026 supplement to the
174 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
175 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

176 (c) The Chief Workforce Officer may call upon any office,

177 department, board, commission, public institution of higher education
178 or other agency of the state to supply such reports, information, data
179 and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary and appropriate in order
180 to carry out the Chief Workforce Officer's or the Office of Workforce
181 Strategy's duties and requirements. Each officer or employee of such
182 office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher
183 education or other agency of the state shall furnish such reports,
184 information, data and assistance as requested by the Chief Workforce
185 Officer, to the extent permitted under state and federal law. Any request
186 for data from a participating agency in [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT,
187 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall be
188 submitted through [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT in accordance with the
189 policies and procedures established by [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT.

190 Sec. 7. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-15o of the 2026
191 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
192 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

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

198 Sec. 8. Subdivision (19) of subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the 2026
199 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
200 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

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

208 Sec. 9. Subsection (e) of section 17b-112l of the 2026 supplement to the

209 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
210 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

211 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority
212 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in
213 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary
214 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer
215 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and [the Preschool through Twenty
216 and Workforce Information Network] Data Link Connecticut,
217 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall
218 develop a uniform interagency data sharing protocol to remove legal
219 barriers to promote cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration under
220 this section to the fullest extent permitted under state and federal laws.

221 Sec. 10. Section 22 of public act 24-45 is repealed and the following is
222 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

223 Not later than [January 1, 2025] July 1, 2027, and [annually] biennially
224 thereafter, the executive board of [the Connecticut Preschool Through
225 Twenty and Workforce Information Network] Data Link Connecticut,
226 established pursuant to section 10a-57g of the general statutes, as
227 amended by this act, shall submit [an annual] a report on disconnected
228 youth. In developing such report, the executive board shall use the data
229 model established through the data sharing agreement 0043 regarding
230 Research on Disengaged and Disconnected Youth in Connecticut. The
231 executive board shall submit such report to the joint standing
232 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
233 relating to education, children, the judiciary, labor, human services,
234 public health and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of
235 section 11-4a of the general statutes. As used in this section,
236 "disconnected youth" has the same meaning as provided in section 21 of
237 [this act] public act 24-45.

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| <p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p> |
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| 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 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | New section |
| Sec. 5 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 10a-57g |
| Sec. 6 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 4-124w(c) |
| Sec. 7 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 10-15o(b)(2) |
| Sec. 8 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 12-15(b)(19) |
| Sec. 9 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | 17b-112l(e) |
| Sec. 10 | <i>October 1, 2026</i> | PA 24-45, Sec. 22 |

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*