



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 157

LCO No. 1170



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CAMP SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*
3 *1, 2026*):

4 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any
5 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2)
6 any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or
7 not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical nurse,
8 (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental hygienist, (8)
9 any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in section 53a-65,
10 (10) any social worker, (11) any person who holds or is issued a coaching
11 permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of intramural or
12 interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (12) any
13 individual who is employed as a coach or director of youth athletics and
14 is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any individual who is employed
15 as a coach or director of a private youth sports organization, league or
16 team and is eighteen years of age or older, (14) any paid administrator,

17 faculty, staff, athletic director, athletic coach or athletic trainer employed
18 by a public or private institution of higher education who is eighteen
19 years of age or older, excluding student employees, (15) any police
20 officer, (16) any juvenile or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or
21 adult parole officer, (18) any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist,
22 (20) any physical therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor,
23 (23) any podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any
24 physician assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified
25 emergency medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed
26 or certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a
27 licensed marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual
28 assault counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section
29 52-146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31)
30 any person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care
31 for a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child
32 care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any
33 employee of the Department of Children and Families or any person
34 who, in the performance of such person's duties, has regular contact
35 with and provides services to or on behalf of children pursuant to a
36 contract with or credential issued by the Department of Children and
37 Families, (34) any employee of the Office of Early Childhood who is
38 responsible for the licensing of child care centers, group child care
39 homes, family child care homes or youth camps, (35) any paid [youth
40 camp] director, assistant director and staff member of a youth camp, as
41 defined in section 19a-420, or operated by a municipal agency, who is
42 twenty-one years of age or older, (36) the Child Advocate and any
43 employee of the Office of the Child Advocate, (37) any person who is a
44 licensed behavior analyst, (38) any family relations counselor, family
45 relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by
46 the Judicial Department, (39) any victim services advocate employed by
47 the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department, (40) any
48 employee of a juvenile justice program operated by or pursuant to a
49 contract with the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial
50 Department, and (41) any person employed, including any person

51 employed under contract and any independent ombudsperson, to work
52 at a juvenile detention facility or any other facility where children under
53 eighteen years of age are detained and who has direct contact with
54 children as part of such employment.

55 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Office
56 of Early Childhood, in conjunction with a state-wide association
57 advocating on behalf of municipal parks and recreation departments, a
58 state-wide organization advocating for the interests of small towns, and
59 a state-wide organization of municipal leaders, shall submit a report, in
60 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
61 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
62 cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall include a
63 list of each municipal youth camp in the state, details concerning the
64 operational structure of each such camp, the number and age range of
65 children served by each such camp in the prior calendar year, and
66 whether each such camp accepts child care assistance subsidy
67 payments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17a-101(b)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require (1) certain employees of municipal youth camps to be mandated reporters, and (2) the Office of Early Childhood to submit a report concerning municipal youth camps.

[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.]