



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 157

February Session, 2026



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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*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 a youth camp operated by a municipal
42 agency, who is twenty-one years of age or older, (36) the Child Advocate
43 and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate, (37) any person
44 who is a licensed behavior analyst, (38) any family relations counselor,
45 family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor
46 employed by the Judicial Department, (39) any victim services advocate
47 employed by the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial
48 Department, (40) any employee of a juvenile justice program operated
49 by or pursuant to a contract with the Court Support Services Division of
50 the Judicial Department, and (41) any person employed, including any
51 person employed under contract and any independent ombudsperson,
52 to work at a juvenile detention facility or any other facility where
53 children under eighteen years of age are detained and who has direct
54 contact with 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 consultation 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, but
63 need not be limited to, a list of each municipal youth camp in the state,
64 details concerning the operational structure of each such camp, the
65 number and age range of children served by each such camp in the prior
66 calendar year and whether each such camp accepts child care assistance
67 subsidy 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), "or operated by a municipal agency" was changed to "or a youth camp operated by a municipal agency" for clarity.

KID *Joint Favorable Subst.*