



General Assembly

February Session, 2026

**Raised Bill No. 364**

LCO No. 2167



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EXTREME WEATHER PROTOCOLS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Not later than January 1,  
2 2027, the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security  
3 within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection  
4 shall (1) develop, in consultation with the Office of the Governor and  
5 municipal leaders, (A) standardized extreme hot and cold weather  
6 protocols that include, but are not limited to, weather factors, such as  
7 temperatures, heat index and wind chill, that will prompt the state and  
8 municipalities to require the opening of cooling centers and warming  
9 centers throughout the state, and (B) methods for accessing  
10 transportation to such centers and communicating such protocols to the  
11 public, (2) post such protocols on the division's Internet web site, and  
12 (3) provide such protocols to the 2-1-1 Infoline program operated by the  
13 United Way of Connecticut.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2026	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security within the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection to develop standardized extreme hot and cold weather protocols.

*[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.]*