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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

5 [All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them
6 up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause
7 them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
8 geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship,
9 including a study of the town, state and federal governments. Subject to
10 the provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or other
11 person having control of a child five years of age and over and under
12 eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school
13 regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in
14 which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school

15 graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to
16 show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the
17 studies taught in the public schools. For the school years commencing
18 July 1, 2011, to July 1, 2022, inclusive, the parent or person having
19 control of a child seventeen years of age may consent, as provided in
20 this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. For the school year
21 commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, a student who
22 is eighteen years of age or older may withdraw from school. Such
23 parent, person or student shall personally appear at the school district
24 office and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include
25 an attestation from a guidance counselor, school counselor or school
26 administrator of the school that such school district has provided such
27 parent, person or student with information on the educational options
28 available in the school system and in the community. The parent or
29 person having control of a child seventeen years of age may withdraw
30 such child from school and enroll such child in an adult education
31 program pursuant to section 10-69. Such parent or person shall
32 personally appear at the school district office and sign an adult
33 education withdrawal and enrollment form. Such adult education
34 withdrawal and enrollment form shall include an attestation (1) from a
35 school counselor or school administrator of the school that such school
36 district has provided such parent or person with information on the
37 educational options available in the school system and in the
38 community, and (2) from such parent or person that such child will be
39 enrolled in an adult education program upon such child's withdrawal
40 from school. The parent or person having control of a child five years of
41 age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the
42 child is six years of age and the parent or person having control of a
43 child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to
44 school until the child is seven years of age. The parent or person shall
45 exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office
46 and signing an option form. The school district shall provide the parent
47 or person with information on the educational opportunities available
48 in the school system.]

49 (a) As used in this section and sections 2 and 3 of this act:

50 (1) "Parent-managed learning" means the provision of education that
51 is managed by a parent or guardian of a child in a setting other than a
52 public school or nonpublic school.

53 (2) "Nonpublic school" means a school that is not a public school and
54 that (A) is approved by the Department of Education following such
55 school receiving accreditation by an accrediting agency approved by the
56 Department of Education, or (B) files a student attendance report with
57 the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 10-188.

58 (b) All parents and guardians of children shall bring such children up
59 in some lawful and honest employment and instruct or cause such
60 children to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
61 geography, arithmetic and United States history and citizenship,
62 including a study of town, state and federal governments. Subject to the
63 provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or guardian of
64 a child, who is five years of age or over and under eighteen years of age
65 and not a high school graduate, shall cause such child to (1) enroll in
66 public school regularly during the hours and terms the public school in
67 the district in which such child resides is in session, (2) attend a
68 nonpublic school, or (3) be instructed through parent-managed
69 learning.

70 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the
71 school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year thereafter,
72 the parent or guardian of a child (A) who will be five years of age on or
73 before September first of the school year, or (B) for whom an option form
74 for the prior school year was signed, shall complete an intent to educate
75 form to indicate whether such child will be enrolling in public school,
76 attending a nonpublic school or instructed through parent-managed
77 learning. Such completed intent to educate form shall be submitted to
78 the school district office for the town in which such parent or guardian
79 resides. If such child will be attending a nonpublic school, the parent or
80 guardian shall provide evidence to show that such child will be

81 attending a nonpublic school. Such intent to educate form may be
82 completed and submitted electronically to the school district office.

83 (2) The parent or guardian of a child five years of age shall have the
84 option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of
85 age and the parent or guardian of a child six years of age shall have the
86 option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of
87 age. Such parent or guardian shall exercise such option by personally
88 appearing at the school district office for the town in which such parent
89 or guardian resides and signing an option form. The school district shall
90 provide such parent or guardian with information on the educational
91 opportunities available in the school system.

92 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year
93 thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child who moves into a school
94 district during the school year shall, not later than fourteen days after
95 moving into such school district, complete an intent to educate form to
96 indicate whether such child will be enrolling in public school, attending
97 a nonpublic school or instructed through parent-managed learning.
98 Such completed intent to educate form shall be submitted to the school
99 district office for such school district. If such child will be attending a
100 nonpublic school, the parent or guardian shall provide evidence to show
101 that such child will be attending a nonpublic school. Such intent to
102 educate form may be completed and submitted electronically to the
103 school district office.

104 (4) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year
105 thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child who withdraws from
106 attending a nonpublic school shall complete an updated intent to
107 educate form to indicate whether such child will be enrolling in public
108 school, attending a different nonpublic school or instructed through
109 parent-managed learning. Such updated intent to educate form shall be
110 submitted to the school district office for the town in which such parent
111 or guardian resides. If such child will be attending a different nonpublic
112 school, the parent or guardian shall provide evidence to show that such
113 child will be attending such different nonpublic school. Such updated

114 intent to educate form may be completed and submitted electronically
115 to the school district office.

116 (d) (1) (A) (i) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, on or
117 before September first of said school year, the parent or guardian of a
118 child who was withdrawn from public school to be instructed through
119 parent-managed learning, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e)
120 of this section, during the prior school year, shall submit to the school
121 district office for the town in which such parent or guardian resides a
122 continuation of parent-managed learning form to indicate that such
123 child will continue to be instructed through parent-managed learning.
124 Such continuation of parent-managed learning form may be submitted
125 electronically to the school district office.

126 (ii) For the school year commencing July 1, 2029, on or before
127 September first of said school year, the parent or guardian of a child (I)
128 who was withdrawn from public school to be instructed through
129 parent-managed learning, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e)
130 of this section, during the prior school year, or (II) for whom a
131 continuation of parent-managed learning form for the prior school year
132 was submitted, shall submit to the school district office for the town in
133 which such parent or guardian resides a continuation of parent-
134 managed learning form to indicate that such child will continue to be
135 instructed through parent-managed learning. Such continuation of
136 parent-managed learning form may be submitted electronically to the
137 school district office.

138 (B) For the school year commencing July 1, 2029, on or before
139 September first of said school year, the parent or guardian of a child who
140 is being instructed through parent-managed learning and for whom an
141 intent to educate form was completed for the prior school year, shall
142 submit to the school district office for the town in which such parent or
143 guardian resides a continuation of parent-managed learning form to
144 indicate that such child will continue to be instructed through parent-
145 managed learning. Such continuation of parent-managed learning form
146 may be submitted electronically to the school district office.

147 (C) For the school year commencing July 1, 2030, and each school year
148 thereafter, on or before September first of each school year, the parent
149 or guardian of a child who is being instructed through parent-managed
150 learning and (i) for whom (I) an intent to educate form for the prior
151 school year was completed, or (II) a continuation of parent-managed
152 learning form for the prior school year was submitted, or (ii) who was
153 withdrawn from public school to be instructed through parent-
154 managed learning, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this
155 section, during the prior school year, shall submit to the school district
156 office for the town in which such parent or guardian resides a
157 continuation of parent-managed learning form to indicate that such
158 child will continue to be instructed through parent-managed learning.
159 Such continuation of parent-managed learning form may be submitted
160 electronically to the school district office.

161 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year
162 thereafter, any local or regional board of education that does not receive
163 a continuation of parent-managed learning form on or before September
164 first from a parent or guardian who completed an intent to educate form
165 for the prior school year, submitted a continuation of parent-managed
166 learning form for the prior school year, or who withdrew such parent or
167 guardian's child from public school to be instructed through parent-
168 managed learning during the prior school year, pursuant to subdivision
169 (1) of this subsection, shall make at least three attempts to contact such
170 parent or guardian for the purpose of informing such parent or guardian
171 that they are required to submit a continuation of parent-managed
172 learning form for the current school year. If the board is unable to make
173 such contact with such parent or guardian by October first, the board
174 shall notify the Department of Education that the board has not received
175 a continuation of parent-managed learning form from such parent or
176 guardian.

177 (e) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2027, and each school
178 year thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in public
179 school may withdraw such child from public school for the purpose of

180 causing such child to attend a nonpublic school. Such parent or
181 guardian shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
182 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal shall not be effective unless such
183 parent or guardian provides evidence to show that such child will be
184 attending a nonpublic school.

185 (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
186 subdivision, for the school year commencing July 1, 2027, and each
187 school year thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in
188 public school may withdraw such child from public school for the
189 purpose of causing such child to be instructed through parent-managed
190 learning. Such parent or guardian shall personally appear at the school
191 district office and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal shall not be
192 effective until the superintendent of schools, or the superintendent's
193 designee, notifies such parent or guardian that such child may be
194 withdrawn following receipt of notice under subparagraph (B) of this
195 subdivision.

196 (B) Not later than two business days following receipt of a
197 withdrawal form under this subdivision, the superintendent of schools,
198 or the superintendent's designee, shall cause to be conducted with the
199 Department of Children and Families a records check of each person
200 who resides with such child and is eighteen years of age or older. Such
201 records check shall include the following: Whether such person is (i) on
202 the state child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section
203 17a-101k, or (ii) currently under investigation by the Department of
204 Children and Families for an allegation of abuse or neglect under section
205 17a-101g. If such records check finds that any such person is on the state
206 child abuse and neglect registry or currently under investigation by the
207 department for an allegation of abuse or neglect, such withdrawal shall
208 not be effective and such child may not be withdrawn from public
209 school pursuant to this subdivision. Not later than five business days
210 following the commencement of such records check, the
211 superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall notify such
212 parent or guardian whether such withdrawal is effective. If such

213 withdrawal is not effective, the superintendent, or the superintendent's
214 designee, shall provide such parent or guardian with the reason such
215 withdrawal is not effective and information regarding how such parent
216 or guardian may challenge the findings of such records check, including
217 the appropriate contact information of the Department of Children and
218 Families.

219 (C) A records check under this subdivision is not a report for
220 purposes of sections 17a-101a to 17a-101d, inclusive, or section 17a-103.

221 (D) For purposes of this subdivision, the Department of Children and
222 Families is a state educational authority pursuant to the Family
223 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended
224 from time to time, and may receive the educational records of any child
225 for whom a withdrawal form has been signed.

226 (3) The parent or guardian of a child seventeen years of age may
227 withdraw such child from public school and enroll such child in an
228 adult education program pursuant to section 10-69. Such parent or
229 guardian shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
230 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation (A)
231 from a school counselor or school administrator of the school that such
232 school district has provided such parent or guardian with information
233 on the educational options available in the school system and in the
234 community, and (B) from such parent or guardian that such child will
235 be enrolled in an adult education program upon such child's
236 withdrawal from public school.

237 (4) A student who is eighteen years of age or older may withdraw
238 from public school. The parent or guardian of such student or such
239 student shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
240 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation
241 from a guidance counselor, school counselor or school administrator of
242 the school that such school district has provided such parent, guardian
243 or student with information on the educational options available in the
244 school system and in the community.

245 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Not later than July 1, 2027, the
246 Department of Education shall develop (1) guidance for parents and
247 guardians and local and regional boards of education regarding the
248 provision of parent-managed learning in accordance with the
249 provisions of section 10-184 of the general statutes, as amended by this
250 act, and (2) the intent to educate form, continuation of parent-managed
251 learning form and withdrawal form, as such forms are described in
252 section 10-184 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

253 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The parent or guardian of a child
254 who is being instructed through parent-managed learning shall retain
255 such child's education records for the school year for a period of three
256 years after the completion of such school year. Such education records
257 include, but are not limited to, the curriculum used in the provision of
258 parent-managed learning and the academic work completed by such
259 child.

260 Sec. 4. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10-10a of the general
261 statutes, as amended by section 22 of public act 26-1, is repealed and the
262 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

263 (1) Track and report data relating to student, teacher and school and
264 district performance growth and make such information available to
265 local and regional boards of education for use in evaluating educational
266 performance and growth of teachers and students enrolled in public
267 schools in the state. Such information shall be collected or calculated
268 based on information received from local and regional boards of
269 education and other relevant sources. Such information shall include,
270 but not be limited to:

271 (A) In addition to performance on state-wide mastery examinations
272 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, data relating to students shall
273 include, but not be limited to, (i) the primary language spoken at the
274 home of a student, (ii) student transcripts, (iii) student attendance and
275 student mobility, (iv) reliable, valid assessments of a student's readiness
276 to enter public school at the kindergarten level, (v) data collected, if any,

277 from the preschool experience survey, described in section 10-515, and
278 (vi) data required pursuant to section 10-17m concerning the academic
279 progress of students in bilingual education programs;

280 (B) Data relating to teachers shall include, but not be limited to, (i)
281 teacher credentials, such as master's degrees, teacher preparation
282 programs completed and certification levels and endorsement areas, (ii)
283 teacher assessments, such as whether a teacher is deemed highly
284 qualified pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, or
285 deemed to meet such other designations as may be established by
286 federal law or regulations for the purposes of tracking the equitable
287 distribution of instructional staff, (iii) the presence of substitute teachers
288 in a teacher's classroom, (iv) class size, (v) numbers relating to
289 absenteeism in a teacher's classroom, and (vi) the presence of a teacher's
290 aide. The department shall assign a unique teacher identifier to each
291 teacher prior to collecting such data in the public school information
292 system;

293 (C) Data relating to schools and districts shall include, but not be
294 limited to, (i) school population, (ii) annual student graduation rates,
295 (iii) annual teacher retention rates, (iv) school disciplinary records, such
296 as data relating to suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary
297 actions, (v) the percentage of students whose primary language is not
298 English, (vi) the number of and professional credentials of support
299 personnel, (vii) information relating to instructional technology, such as
300 access to computers, (viii) disaggregated measures of school-based
301 arrests pursuant to section 10-233n, [and] (ix) the measures and data
302 required pursuant to section 10-17g for the evaluation of bilingual
303 education programs, and (x) the number of children being instructed
304 through parent-managed learning for whom an intent to educate form
305 was completed or a continuation of parent-managed learning form was
306 submitted pursuant to section 10-184, as amended by this act.

307 Sec. 5. Subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the 2026 supplement to the
308 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
309 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

310 (g) The department shall disclose records, subject to subsections (b)
311 and (c) of this section, without the consent of the person who is the
312 subject of the record, to:

313 (1) The person named in the record or such person's authorized
314 representative, provided such disclosure shall be limited to information
315 (A) contained in the record about such person or about such person's
316 biological or adoptive minor child, if such person's parental rights to
317 such child have not been terminated; and (B) identifying an individual
318 who reported abuse or neglect of the person, including any tape
319 recording of an oral report pursuant to section 17a-103, if a court
320 determines that there is reasonable cause to believe the reporter
321 knowingly made a false report or that the interests of justice require
322 disclosure;

323 (2) An employee of the department for any purpose reasonably
324 related to the performance of such employee's duties;

325 (3) A guardian ad litem or attorney appointed to represent a child or
326 youth in litigation affecting the best interests of the child or youth;

327 (4) An attorney representing a parent, guardian or child in a petition
328 filed in the Superior Court pursuant to section 17a-112 or 46b-129,
329 provided (A) if such records do not pertain to such attorney's client or
330 such client's child, such records shall not be further disclosed to another
331 individual or entity by such attorney except pursuant to the order of a
332 court of competent jurisdiction, (B) if such records are confidential
333 pursuant to federal law, such records shall not be disclosed to such
334 attorney or such attorney's client unless such attorney or such attorney's
335 client is otherwise entitled to such records, and (C) nothing in this
336 subdivision shall limit the disclosure of records under subdivision (3) of
337 this subsection;

338 (5) The Attorney General, any assistant attorney general or any other
339 legal counsel retained to represent the department during the course of
340 a legal proceeding involving the department or an employee of the

341 department;

342 (6) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;

343 (7) The Chief Public Defender or the Chief Public Defender's designee
344 for purposes of ensuring competent representation by the attorneys
345 with whom the Chief Public Defender contracts to provide legal and
346 guardian ad litem services to the subjects of such records and for
347 ensuring accurate payments for services rendered by such attorneys;

348 (8) The Chief State's Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's designee
349 for purposes of investigating or prosecuting (A) an allegation related to
350 child abuse or neglect, (B) an allegation that an individual made a false
351 report of suspected child abuse or neglect, (C) an allegation that a
352 mandated reporter failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect in
353 accordance with section 17a-101a, provided such prosecuting authority
354 shall have access to records of a child charged with the commission of a
355 delinquent act, who is not being charged with an offense related to child
356 abuse, only while the case is being prosecuted and after obtaining a
357 release, or (D) an allegation of fraud in the receipt of public or private
358 benefits, provided no information identifying the subject of the record
359 is disclosed unless such information is essential to such investigation or
360 prosecution;

361 (9) A state or federal law enforcement officer, including a military law
362 enforcement authority under the United States Department of Defense,
363 for purposes of investigating (A) an allegation related to child abuse or
364 neglect, (B) an allegation that an individual made a false report of
365 suspected child abuse or neglect, or (C) an allegation that a mandated
366 reporter failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect in accordance
367 with section 17a-101a;

368 (10) A foster or prospective adoptive parent, if the records pertain to
369 a child or youth currently placed with the foster or prospective adoptive
370 parent, or a child or youth being considered for placement with the
371 foster or prospective adoptive parent, and the records are necessary to

372 address the social, medical, psychological or educational needs of the
373 child or youth, provided no information identifying a biological parent
374 is disclosed without the permission of such biological parent;

375 (11) The Governor, when requested in writing in the course of the
376 Governor's official functions, the joint standing committee of the
377 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
378 services, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
379 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary or the joint standing
380 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
381 relating to children, when requested in writing by any of such
382 committees in the course of such committee's official functions, and
383 upon a majority vote of such committee, provided no name or other
384 identifying information is disclosed unless such information is essential
385 to the gubernatorial or legislative purpose;

386 (12) The Office of Early Childhood for the purpose of (A) determining
387 the suitability of a person to care for children in a facility licensed
388 pursuant to section 19a-77, 19a-80, 19a-87b or 19a-421; (B) determining
389 the suitability of such person for licensure; (C) determining the
390 suitability of a person to provide child care services to a child and
391 receive a child care subsidy pursuant to section 17b-749k; (D) an
392 investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f; (E) notifying the
393 office when the Department of Children and Families places an
394 individual licensed or certified by the office on the child abuse and
395 neglect registry pursuant to section 17a-101k; or (F) notifying the office
396 when the Department of Children and Families possesses information
397 regarding an office regulatory violation committed by an individual
398 licensed or certified by the office;

399 (13) The Department of Developmental Services, (A) to allow said
400 department to determine eligibility, facilitate enrollment and plan for
401 the provision of services to a child who is a client of said department
402 and who is applying to enroll in or is enrolled in said department's
403 behavioral services program. At the time that a parent or guardian
404 completes an application for enrollment of a child in the Department of

405 Developmental Services' children's services program, or at the time that
406 said department updates a child's annual individualized plan of care,
407 said department shall notify such parent or guardian that the
408 Department of Children and Families may provide records to the
409 Department of Developmental Services for the purposes specified in this
410 subdivision without the consent of such parent or guardian; or (B) for
411 purposes of an investigation pursuant to section 46a-11c;

412 (14) Any individual or entity for the purposes of identifying resources
413 that will promote the permanency plan of a child or youth approved by
414 the court pursuant to sections 17a-11, 17a-111b and 46b-129;

415 (15) A state agency that licenses or certifies a person to educate, care
416 for or provide services to children or youths;

417 (16) A judge or employee of a Probate Court who requires access to
418 such records in order to perform such judge's or employee's official
419 duties;

420 (17) A judge of the Superior Court for purposes of determining the
421 appropriate disposition of a child adjudicated as delinquent;

422 (18) A judge of the Superior Court in a criminal prosecution for
423 purposes of in camera inspection whenever (A) the court has ordered
424 that the record be provided to the court; or (B) a party to the proceeding
425 has issued a subpoena for the record;

426 (19) A judge of the Superior Court and all necessary parties in a
427 family violence proceeding when such records concern family violence
428 with respect to the child who is the subject of the proceeding or the
429 parent of such child who is the subject of the proceeding;

430 (20) The Auditors of Public Accounts, or their representative,
431 provided no information identifying the subject of the record is
432 disclosed unless such information is essential to an audit conducted
433 pursuant to section 2-90;

434 (21) A local or regional board of education, provided the records are
435 limited to educational records created or obtained by the state or
436 Connecticut Unified School District #2, established pursuant to section
437 17a-37;

438 (22) The superintendent of schools for any school district for the
439 purpose of determining the suitability of a person to be employed by
440 the local or regional board of education for such school district pursuant
441 to subsection (a) of section 10-221d;

442 (23) The Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of criminal
443 history records checks pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-44,
444 provided information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall be
445 limited to information included on the Department of Children and
446 Families child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section
447 17a-101k, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and 17a-101k
448 concerning the nondisclosure of findings of responsibility for abuse and
449 neglect;

450 (24) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the
451 purpose of treatment planning for young adults who have transitioned
452 from the care of the Department of Children and Families;

453 (25) The superintendent of a public school district or the executive
454 director or other head of a public or private institution for children
455 providing care for children or a private school (A) pursuant to sections
456 17a-11, 17a-101b, 17a-101c, 17a-101i, 17a-111b and 46b-129, or (B) when
457 the Department of Children and Families places an individual
458 employed by such institution or school on the child abuse and neglect
459 registry pursuant to section 17a-101k;

460 (26) The Department of Social Services for the purpose of (A)
461 determining the suitability of a person for payment from the
462 Department of Social Services for providing child care; (B) promoting
463 the health, safety and welfare of a child or youth receiving services from
464 either department; or (C) investigating allegations of fraud provided no

465 information identifying the subject of the record is disclosed unless such
466 information is essential to any such investigation;

467 (27) The Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, for
468 the purpose of (A) determining the supervision and treatment needs of
469 a child or youth or any other person, and provide appropriate
470 supervision and treatment services to such child or youth or any other
471 person, or (B) sharing common case records to track recidivism of
472 juvenile offenders;

473 (28) The birth-to-three program's referral intake office for the purpose
474 of (A) determining eligibility of, (B) facilitating enrollment for, and (C)
475 providing services to (i) substantiated victims of child abuse and neglect
476 with suspected developmental delays, and (ii) newborns impacted by
477 withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure;

478 (29) The Department of Public Health for (A) the purpose of
479 notification when the Commissioner of Children and Families places an
480 individual licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health on
481 the child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-
482 101k, and (B) purposes relating to the licensure of the Albert J. Solnit
483 Children's Center and the administration of licensing requirements
484 established pursuant to or set forth in sections 19a-134 and 19a-498;

485 (30) The Department of Correction, for the purpose of determining
486 the supervision and treatment needs of a child or youth, and providing
487 appropriate supervision and treatment services to such child or youth;

488 (31) Any child placing agency subject to licensure by the Department
489 of Children and Families, for the purpose of determining the suitability
490 of a person (A) for employment by such agency, or (B) to adopt or
491 provide foster care pursuant to sections 17a-114 and 17a-151;

492 (32) The Department of Administrative Services, for the purpose of
493 determining whether an applicant for employment with the state, who
494 would have contact with children in the course of such employment,
495 appears on the child abuse or neglect registry maintained pursuant to

496 section 17a-101k;

497 (33) Any individual, upon the request of such individual, when the
 498 information concerns an incident of abuse or neglect that resulted in the
 499 fatality or near fatality of a child or youth, provided (A) such disclosure
 500 shall be limited to (i) the cause and circumstances of such fatality or near
 501 fatality, (ii) the age and gender of such child or youth, (iii) a description
 502 of any previous reports of or investigations into child abuse or neglect
 503 that are relevant to the child abuse or neglect that led to such fatality or
 504 near fatality, (iv) the findings of any such investigations, and (v) a
 505 description of any services provided and actions taken by the state on
 506 behalf of such child or youth that are relevant to the child abuse or
 507 neglect that led to such fatality or near fatality, and (B) the department
 508 shall not make any disclosure that is prohibited by the provisions of any
 509 relevant federal law, including, but not limited to, Titles IV-B and IV-E
 510 of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time. The
 511 department may withhold the disclosure of any records described in
 512 this subdivision if the commissioner determines that such disclosure
 513 may (i) result in harm to the safety or well-being of the child or youth
 514 who is the subject of such records, the family of such child or youth, or
 515 any individual who made a report of abuse or neglect pertaining to such
 516 child or youth, or (ii) interfere with a pending criminal investigation;
 517 [and]

518 (34) The Office of Policy and Management, for purposes of labor
 519 relations investigations conducted on behalf of the Department of
 520 Children and Families; and

521 (35) A local or regional board of education in response to a request by
 522 such board pursuant to section 10-184, as amended by this act."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2027	10-184
Sec. 2	July 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 3	July 1, 2026	New section

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	10-10a(c)(1)
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-28(g)