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Raised Bill No. 6655

LCO No. 3628

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION IN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (8) of section 46a-51 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (8) "Discriminatory practice" means a violation of section 4a-60, 4a-
4 60a, 10-15c, as amended by this act, 46a-58, 46a-59, 46a-60, 46a-64, 46a-
5 64c, 46a-66, 46a-68, sections 46a-70 to 46a-78, inclusive, subsection (a)
6 of section 46a-80, or sections 46a-81b to 46a-81o, inclusive.

7 Sec. 2. Section 10-15c of the general statutes is repealed and the
8 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

9 (a) The public schools shall be open to all children five years of age
10 and over who reach age five on or before the first day of January of
11 any school year, and each such child shall have, and shall be so
12 advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal opportunity to
13 participate in the activities, programs and courses of study offered in
14 such public schools, at such time as the child becomes eligible to

15 participate in such activities, programs and courses of study, without
16 discrimination on account of race, color, sex, religion, national origin
17 or sexual orientation; provided boards of education may, by vote at a
18 meeting duly called, admit to any school children under five years of
19 age.

20 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to
21 amend other provisions of the general statutes with respect to
22 curricula, facilities or extracurricular activities.

23 (c) The Department of Education and the Commission on Human
24 Rights and Opportunities shall have concurrent jurisdiction to enforce
25 the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and complaints filed
26 pursuant to section 46a-64 alleging discrimination in educational
27 opportunities in public schools. On or before January 1, 2002, the
28 department and the commission shall enter into a memorandum of
29 understanding concerning the processing of complaints filed with the
30 department or commission pursuant to subsection (a) of this section or
31 section 46a-64. The memorandum of understanding may include: (1) A
32 division of the complaint processing responsibilities to take advantage
33 of the respective expertise of the department and the commission; (2)
34 investigatory and technical assistance to the agency investigating the
35 complaint; and (3) such other matters as the department and the
36 commission deem appropriate.

JUD *Joint Favorable*