



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5424

February Session, 2002

AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) The Commissioners of
2 Public Safety, Public Health, Children and Families, Mental Health and
3 Addiction Services and Education shall jointly develop a plan to
4 address the special needs of children and youth exposed to terrorism,
5 including bioterrorism, and to strengthen emergency and rescue
6 services for children to protect them from biological, chemical and
7 toxic agents. The plan shall: (1) Ensure that fire and police personnel,
8 emergency medical technicians and other emergency workers are
9 equipped and trained to deal with the medical needs of children
10 exposed to a terrorist attack; (2) ensure that safe, appropriate
11 medicines are available for children affected by a bioterrorist attack; (3)
12 provide for the coordination of communications and training
13 regarding the protection, health and safety of children in response to
14 terrorism; (4) ensure that mental health services are available for
15 children affected by terrorist attacks, including mental health
16 consultants, for child day care and school readiness programs and
17 mental health professionals in schools or linked to schools through
18 community mental health systems; (5) ensure, with the assistance of
19 local building officials, that all school buildings and day care facilities
20 are structurally safe and secure; (6) ensure that children have a safe
21 place to be during nonschool hours through the use of community

22 facilities and resources such as after school programs in schools; and
23 (7) include methods to increase youth involvement in community
24 service and civic activities.

25 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety shall report, in accordance
26 with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the General Assembly on
27 the plan developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section by
28 January 1, 2003.

29 Sec. 2. Section 10-220f of the general statutes is repealed and the
30 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

31 Each local and regional board of education [may] shall establish a
32 school district safety committee to: (1) Develop a crisis response plan
33 for incidents of terrorism and other emergencies that includes safety
34 and security measures, including evacuation procedures, provision for
35 mental health services for children, staff and parents, and methods to
36 disseminate accurate and appropriate information to children, staff,
37 and parents; (2) review the adequacy of emergency response
38 procedures at each school and recommend changes to such procedures
39 in accordance with the crisis response plan; and (3) increase staff and
40 student awareness of safety and health issues. [and to review the
41 adequacy of emergency response procedures at each school.] Parents
42 and high school students shall be included in the membership of such
43 committees.

44 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 19a-79 of the general statutes, as
45 amended by section 48 of public act 01-4 of the June special session, is
46 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
47 *1, 2002*):

48 (a) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
49 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes
50 of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, as amended, and 19a-82 to 19a-
51 87, inclusive, and to assure that child day care centers and group day
52 care homes shall meet the health, educational and social needs of
53 children utilizing such child day care centers and group day care

54 homes. Such regulations shall (1) specify that before being permitted to
55 attend any child day care center or group day care home, each child
56 shall be protected as age-appropriate by adequate immunization
57 against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps,
58 rubella, hemophilus influenzae type B and any other vaccine required
59 by the schedule of active immunization adopted pursuant to section
60 19a-7f, including appropriate exemptions for children for whom such
61 immunization is medically contraindicated and for children whose
62 parents object to such immunization on religious grounds, (2) specify
63 conditions under which child day care center directors and teachers
64 and group day care home providers may administer tests to monitor
65 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
66 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
67 specified in the regulations by the commissioner, to a child receiving
68 child day care services at such child day care center or group day care
69 home pursuant to the written order of a physician licensed to practice
70 medicine or a dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or
71 another state, or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed to
72 prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a, or a physician assistant
73 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written
74 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child, (3) specify that an
75 operator of a child day care center or group day care home, licensed
76 before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives a license after
77 January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1, 1986, shall
78 provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total indoor
79 usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the children's
80 purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms, kitchens,
81 halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other than the
82 activities of the children, (4) specify that a child day care center or
83 group day care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide
84 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, [and] (5)
85 establish appropriate child day care center staffing requirements for
86 employees certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American
87 Red Cross or the American Heart Association, and (6) require each day
88 care center and group day care home to develop a crisis response plan

89 for incidents of terrorism and other emergencies that includes safety
90 and security measures, including evacuation procedures, provision for
91 mental health services for children, staff and parents, and methods to
92 disseminate accurate and appropriate information to children, staff,
93 and parents.

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| This act shall take effect as follows: | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2002</i> |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2002</i> |
| Sec. 3 | <i>July 1, 2002</i> |

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