



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1094**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BULLYING.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-222d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall develop and  
4 implement a policy, for use on and after February 1, 2003, to address  
5 the existence of bullying in its schools. Such policy shall: (1) Enable  
6 students to anonymously report acts of bullying to teachers and school  
7 administrators and require students to be notified annually of the  
8 process by which they may make such reports, (2) enable the parents  
9 or guardians of students to file written reports of suspected bullying,  
10 (3) require teachers and other school staff who witness acts of bullying  
11 or receive student reports of bullying to notify school administrators,  
12 (4) require school administrators to investigate any written reports  
13 filed pursuant to subdivision (2) of this section and to review any  
14 anonymous reports, (5) include an intervention strategy for school staff  
15 to deal with bullying, (6) provide for the inclusion of language in  
16 student codes of conduct concerning bullying, (7) require the parents  
17 or guardians of students who commit any verified acts of bullying and  
18 the parents or guardians of students against whom such acts were  
19 directed to be notified, (8) require each school to maintain a list of the  
20 number of verified acts of bullying in such school and make such list  
21 available for public inspection, and (9) direct the development of case-  
22 by-case interventions for addressing repeated incidents of bullying

23 against a single individual or recurrently perpetrated bullying  
24 incidents by the same individual that may include both counseling and  
25 discipline. The notification required pursuant to subdivision (7) of this  
26 section shall include a description of the response of school staff to  
27 such acts and any consequences that may result from the commission  
28 of further acts of bullying. For purposes of this section, "bullying"  
29 means any overt acts by a student or a group of students directed  
30 against another student with the intent to ridicule, harass, humiliate or  
31 intimidate the other student while on school grounds, at a school-  
32 sponsored activity or on a school bus, [, which acts are repeated  
33 against the same student over time.] Such policies may include  
34 provisions addressing bullying outside of the school setting if it has a  
35 direct and negative impact on a student's academic performance or  
36 safety in school.

37 (b) If the Department of Education finds that a local or regional  
38 board of education has failed to implement the policy required  
39 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the department shall  
40 withhold from the grant paid pursuant to section 10-262i to the town  
41 or regional school districts an amount not less than two thousand five  
42 hundred dollars nor more than ten thousand dollars.

43 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-220a of the general statutes is  
44 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
45 *1, 2007*):

46 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall provide an in-  
47 service training program for its teachers, administrators and pupil  
48 personnel who hold the initial educator, provisional educator or  
49 professional educator certificate. Such program shall provide such  
50 teachers, administrators and pupil personnel with information on (1)  
51 the nature and the relationship of drugs, as defined in subdivision (17)  
52 of section 21a-240, and alcohol to health and personality development,  
53 and procedures for discouraging their abuse, (2) health and mental  
54 health risk reduction education which includes, but need not be  
55 limited to, the prevention of risk-taking behavior by children and the

56 relationship of such behavior to substance abuse, pregnancy, sexually  
 57 transmitted diseases, including HIV-infection and AIDS, as defined in  
 58 section 19a-581, violence, child abuse and youth suicide, (3) the growth  
 59 and development of exceptional children, including handicapped and  
 60 gifted and talented children and children who may require special  
 61 education, including, but not limited to, children with attention-deficit  
 62 hyperactivity disorder or learning disabilities, and methods for  
 63 identifying, planning for and working effectively with special needs  
 64 children in a regular classroom, (4) school violence prevention, [and]  
 65 conflict resolution and prevention of bullying, as defined in subsection  
 66 (a) of section 10-222d, as amended by this act, (5) cardiopulmonary  
 67 resuscitation and other emergency life saving procedures, (6) computer  
 68 and other information technology as applied to student learning and  
 69 classroom instruction, communications and data management, (7) the  
 70 teaching of the language arts, reading and reading readiness for  
 71 teachers in grades kindergarten to three, inclusive, and (8) second  
 72 language acquisition in districts required to provide a program of  
 73 bilingual education pursuant to section 10-17f. The State Board of  
 74 Education, within available appropriations and utilizing available  
 75 materials, shall assist and encourage local and regional boards of  
 76 education to include: (A) Holocaust education and awareness; (B) the  
 77 historical events surrounding the Great Famine in Ireland; (C) African-  
 78 American history; (D) Puerto Rican history; (E) Native American  
 79 history; (F) personal financial management; and (G) topics approved  
 80 by the state board upon the request of local or regional boards of  
 81 education as part of in-service training programs pursuant to this  
 82 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	10-222d
Sec. 2	July 1, 2007	10-220a(a)

**ED**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*