



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5499

LCO No. 1910

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REQUIRED AGE FOR COUNSELING.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-600 of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

4 For the purposes of sections 19a-601 and 19a-602:

5 (1) "Counselor" means: (A) A psychiatrist, (B) a psychologist
6 licensed under chapter 383, (C) a clinical social worker licensed under
7 chapter 383b, (D) a marital and family therapist licensed under chapter
8 383a, (E) an ordained member of the clergy, (F) a physician assistant
9 licensed under section 20-12b of the 2008 supplement to the general
10 statutes, (G) a nurse-midwife licensed under chapter 377, (H) a
11 certified guidance counselor, (I) a registered professional nurse
12 licensed under chapter 378, or (J) a practical nurse licensed under
13 chapter 378.

14 (2) "Minor" means a person who is less than [sixteen] eighteen years
15 of age.

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

Section 1	July 1, 2008	19a-600
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Statement of Purpose:

To modify the statutory age requirement related to counseling of teenagers by abortion providers, prior to receiving the procedure, to reflect other recent statutory changes recognizing juveniles as those under eighteen years of age.

[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.]