



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 162

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE WITHDRAWAL OF A CHILD FROM ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2008*):

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

17 (b) The parent or person having control of a child sixteen or
18 seventeen years of age who does not intend to provide equivalent
19 instruction to such child pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may

20 consent, as provided in this [section] subsection, to such child's
21 withdrawal from school. Such parent or person shall personally appear
22 at the school district office and sign a withdrawal form. The school
23 district shall provide such parent or person with information on the
24 educational options available in the school system and in the
25 community.

26 (c) The parent or person having control of a child five years of age
27 shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the child
28 is six years of age and the parent or person having control of a child six
29 years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to school
30 until the child is seven years of age. [The] Unless the parent or person
31 having control of such child elects to provide equivalent instruction
32 pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the parent
33 or person shall exercise such option by personally appearing at the
34 school district office and signing an option form. The school district
35 shall provide the parent or person with information on the educational
36 opportunities available in the school system.

37 (d) (1) If the parent or other person having control of a child elects to
38 provide the equivalent instruction pursuant to subsection (a) of this
39 section to such child, other than through enrollment of such child in a
40 nonpublic school, such parent or other person shall provide written
41 notice pursuant to this subsection to (A) (i) the principal of the school
42 the child is attending, or (ii) if such child is not enrolled in school, to
43 the principal of the school such child would otherwise attend due to
44 the child's residency, or (B) the superintendent of schools for the local
45 or regional school district in which such school is located. The parent
46 or other person having control of such child shall provide notice in
47 accordance with the provisions of this subsection each time such child
48 resides in a school district other than the district for which such notice
49 was initially provided.

50 (2) Notice provided pursuant to this subsection shall (A) state that
51 the parent or other person having control of such child intends to
52 provide the child with equivalent instruction pursuant to subsection

