



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5145**

LCO No. 3555

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING EDUCATION OF STUDENTS ON SHAKEN  
BABY SYNDROME.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-16b of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2009*):

4 (a) In the public schools the program of instruction offered shall  
5 include at least the following subject matter, as taught by legally  
6 qualified teachers, the arts; career education; consumer education;  
7 health and safety, including, but not limited to, human growth and  
8 development, nutrition, first aid, disease prevention, community and  
9 consumer health, physical, mental and emotional health, including  
10 youth suicide prevention, substance abuse prevention, safety, which  
11 may include the dangers of gang membership, prevention of shaken  
12 baby syndrome, and accident prevention; language arts, including  
13 reading, writing, grammar, speaking and spelling; mathematics;  
14 physical education; science; social studies, including, but not limited  
15 to, citizenship, economics, geography, government and history; and in  
16 addition, on at least the secondary level, one or more foreign

17 languages and vocational education. For purposes of this subsection,  
18 language arts may include American sign language or signed English,  
19 provided such subject matter is taught by a qualified instructor under  
20 the supervision of a teacher who holds a certificate issued by the State  
21 Board of Education. For purposes of this subsection, the "arts" means  
22 any form of visual or performing arts, which may include, but not be  
23 limited to, dance, music, art and theatre.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) The Children's Trust Fund,  
25 established under section 17a-50 of the general statutes, shall make  
26 available to local and regional school districts, at no cost to such school  
27 districts, curriculum materials on the prevention of shaken baby  
28 syndrome for use in health courses pursuant to section 10-16b of the  
29 general statutes, as amended by this act.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                     |             |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2009</i> | 10-16b(a)   |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2009</i> | New section |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To prevent death and injury to infants by educating middle school and high school students on shaken baby syndrome.

*[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.]*

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