



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 5769**

LCO No. 1608

Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by:

REP. BARTLETT, 2nd Dist.  
REP. CANDELARIA, 95th Dist.  
REP. MCCRORY, 7th Dist.  
REP. ROJAS, 9th Dist.  
REP. CONWAY, 61st Dist.  
REP. MORRIS, 140th Dist.  
REP. AYALA, 128th Dist.

REP. BUTLER, 72nd Dist.  
REP. HEINRICH, 101st Dist.  
REP. MILLER P., 145th Dist.  
REP. SCHOFIELD, 16th Dist.  
REP. LYDDY, 106th Dist.  
REP. LESSER, 100th Dist.  
REP. LEWIS, 8th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL DROP OUT RATES.**

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

1 That section 10-184 of the general statutes be amended to require  
2 that the age in which a student may withdraw from school with  
3 parental consent be seventeen for the school year commencing July 1,  
4 2009. It is further proposed that section 10-184 of the general statutes  
5 be amended to require that the age in which a student may withdraw  
6 from school with parental consent be eighteen for the school year  
7 commencing July 1, 2010. It is further proposed that title 10 of the  
8 general statutes be amended to require the Department of Education to  
9 devise a standardized drop out formula and that local and regional  
10 boards of education apply such formula and report on such findings  
11 by 2010. Such formula shall account for every student that enters adult  
12 education instead of finishing high school and track the graduation

13 rates of such students. It is further proposed that title 10 of the general  
14 statutes be amended to require that those school districts whose drop  
15 out rates are over ten per cent for the school years commencing in  
16 2008, 2009 and 2010 shall have an alternative school within such  
17 district or send such district's students to a regional alternative school  
18 by 2011. It is further proposed that title 10 of the general statutes be  
19 amended to require each school district to develop a plan for at risk  
20 youth in eighth grade and such plan to be carried through high school.  
21 Such plan shall be developed by 2011.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To improve the graduation rate of high schools.