



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 193**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS AND REQUIRING  
CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS FOR YOUTH CAMP  
DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATE DIRECTORS.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the 2012 supplement  
2 to the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

4 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: Any  
5 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, any  
6 resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not  
7 so licensed, any registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, medical  
8 examiner, dentist, dental hygienist, psychologist, a school employee, as  
9 defined in section 53a-65, any coach or director of intramural,  
10 interscholastic or youth athletics who is eighteen years of age or older,  
11 any coach or director of a private sports organization or team who is  
12 eighteen years of age or older, any administrator, faculty, staff, athletic  
13 director, athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a constituent  
14 unit of the state system of higher education or private institution of  
15 higher education who is eighteen years of age or older, social worker,  
16 police officer, juvenile or adult probation officer, juvenile or adult  
17 parole officer, member of the clergy, pharmacist, physical therapist,  
18 optometrist, chiropractor, podiatrist, mental health professional or  
19 physician assistant, any person who is a licensed or certified

20 emergency medical services provider, any person who is a licensed or  
21 certified alcohol and drug counselor, any person who is a licensed  
22 marital and family therapist, any person who is a sexual assault  
23 counselor or a battered women's counselor as defined in section  
24 52-146k, any person who is a licensed professional counselor, any  
25 person who is a licensed foster parent, any person paid to care for a  
26 child in any public or private facility, child day care center, group day  
27 care home or family day care home licensed by the state, any employee  
28 of the Department of Children and Families, any employee of the  
29 Department of Public Health who is responsible for the licensing of  
30 child day care centers, group day care homes, family day care homes  
31 or youth camps, any youth camp director or alternate director, the  
32 Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate  
33 and any family relations counselor, family relations counselor trainee  
34 or family services supervisor employed by the Judicial Department.

35 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) Except as provided in  
36 subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Public Health,  
37 within available appropriations, shall require each director and  
38 alternate director of a youth camp licensed pursuant to chapter 368r of  
39 the general statutes to submit to state and national criminal history  
40 records checks prior to such director or alternate director: (1)  
41 Beginning employment at the camp, or (2) volunteering at the camp.  
42 With respect to a director or alternate director employed by a youth  
43 camp on the effective date of this section, the state and national  
44 criminal history records checks shall be conducted prior to the  
45 issuance or renewal of a youth camp license pursuant to chapter 368r  
46 of the general statutes. The criminal history records checks required  
47 under this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with section  
48 29-17a of the general statutes. The commissioner shall also request a  
49 check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section  
50 17a-101k of the general statutes.

51 (b) The criminal history records checks required under subsection  
52 (a) of this section shall not be required for any director or alternate

53 director who (1) has successfully completed a background check for  
54 immigration purposes in accordance with federal law not earlier than  
55 six months prior to the date such director or alternate director (A)  
56 begins employment at the camp, or (B) begins volunteering at the  
57 camp, or (2) has previously submitted to state and national criminal  
58 history records checks pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

59 Sec. 3. Section 19a-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
60 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

61 To be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a youth camp license  
62 pursuant to this chapter, the camp shall satisfy the following  
63 requirements: (1) The location of the camp shall be such as to provide  
64 adequate surface drainage and afford facilities for obtaining a good  
65 water supply; (2) each dwelling unit, building and structure shall be  
66 maintained in good condition, suitable for the use to which it is put,  
67 and shall present no health or fire hazard as so certified by the  
68 department and the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal, as  
69 indicated by a current fire marshal certificate dated within the past  
70 year and available on site when the youth camp is in operation; (3)  
71 there shall be an adequate and competent staff, which includes the  
72 camp director or assistant director, one of whom shall be on site at all  
73 times the camp is in operation, activities specialists, counselors and  
74 maintenance personnel, of good character and reputation; (4) prior to  
75 assuming responsibility for campers, staff shall be trained, at a  
76 minimum, on the camp's policies and procedures pertaining to  
77 behavioral management and supervision, emergency health and safety  
78 procedures and recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and  
79 neglect; (5) prior to employing any director or alternate director as  
80 staff, a criminal history records check shall be conducted for such  
81 director or alternate director in accordance with section 2 of this act; (6)  
82 all hazardous activities, including, but not limited to, archery, aquatics,  
83 horseback riding and firearms instruction, shall be supervised by a  
84 qualified activities specialist who has adequate experience and training  
85 in such specialist's area of specialty; [(6)] (7) the staff of a resident and

86 nonresident camp shall at all times include an adult trained in the  
87 administration of first aid as required by the commissioner; and [(7)]  
88 (8) records of personal data for each camper shall be kept in any  
89 reasonable form the camp director may choose, and shall include (A)  
90 the camper's name, age and address, (B) the name, address and  
91 telephone number of the parents or guardian, (C) the dates of  
92 admission and discharge, and (D) such other information as the  
93 commissioner shall require. Any youth camp licensed under this  
94 chapter shall operate only as the type of camp authorized by such  
95 license. Such camps shall not advertise any service they are not  
96 equipped or licensed to offer. The license shall be posted in a  
97 conspicuous place at camp headquarters and failure to so post the  
98 license shall result in the presumption that the camp is being operated  
99 in violation of this chapter.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	17a-101(b)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	19a-422

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