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Raised Bill No. 6503

LCO No. 3754



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

AN ACT CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL POOL SAFETY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) No certified employee
2 with an endorsement in physical education shall serve as an instructor
3 of a physical education course that makes use of a swimming pool
4 unless such person (1) is a certified lifeguard, (2) is certified in
5 cardiopulmonary resuscitation, pursuant to section 19a-113a-1 of the
6 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, as amended from time to
7 time, and (3) has completed a course in first aid offered by the
8 American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the Department
9 of Public Health or any director of health, as certified by the agency or
10 director of health offering the course.

11 (b) A local or regional board of education that offers a physical
12 education course that makes use of a swimming pool may allow a
13 person who meets the requirements of subdivisions (1) to (3),
14 inclusive, of subsection (a) of this section, and is sixteen years of age or
15 older to assist in the instruction of such physical education course,
16 provided such person is supervised by the certified employee

17 described in subsection (a) of this section.

18 (c) Any physical education course that makes use of a swimming
 19 pool shall have at least one instructor who satisfies the qualifications of
 20 subsection (a) of this section. Any such physical education course that
 21 has more than twenty-five students shall have at least one person who
 22 satisfies the qualifications of subsection (a) of this section and at least
 23 one additional person who satisfies the qualifications of subsection (a)
 24 or (b) of this section.

25 (d) Any local or regional board of education that offers a physical
 26 education course that makes use of a swimming pool shall develop a
 27 swimming pool safety plan. Such swimming pool safety plan shall
 28 include, but not be limited to, best practices regarding swimming pool
 29 safety and be in accordance with the provisions of this section and the
 30 requirements of the Public Health Code of this state established by the
 31 Commissioner of Public Health under the provisions of section 19a-36
 32 of the general statutes.

33 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) Not later than July 1, 2014, the
 34 Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in accordance
 35 with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to amend
 36 sections 19-13-B33b, 19-13-B34 and 19-13-B36 of the regulations of
 37 Connecticut state agencies to include swimming pools and
 38 natatoriums located at schools.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2013</i> | New section |
| Sec. 2 | <i>July 1, 2013</i> | New section |

Statement of Purpose:

To establish standards for who can teach and supervise a physical education course that makes use of a swimming pool; to require an additional supervisor of a physical education class that makes use of a pool if such class has more than twenty-five students; to require school

districts to establish a swimming pool safety plan; and to require the Department of Public Health to adopt regulations to include swimming pools and natatoriums located at schools in the Public Health Code.

[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.]