



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1566



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CHILD ENDANGERMENT WHILE OPERATING
A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF
INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 53-21 of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

4 (a) Any person who (1) wilfully or unlawfully causes or permits any
5 child under the age of sixteen years to be placed in such a situation
6 that the life or limb of such child is endangered, the health of such
7 child is likely to be injured or the morals of such child are likely to be
8 impaired, or does any act likely to impair the health or morals of any
9 such child, or (2) has contact with the intimate parts, as defined in
10 section 53a-65, of a child under the age of sixteen years or subjects a
11 child under sixteen years of age to contact with the intimate parts of
12 such person, in a sexual and indecent manner likely to impair the
13 health or morals of such child, or (3) permanently transfers the legal or
14 physical custody of a child under the age of sixteen years to another
15 person for money or other valuable consideration or acquires or
16 receives the legal or physical custody of a child under the age of

17 sixteen years from another person upon payment of money or other
18 valuable consideration to such other person or a third person, except in
19 connection with an adoption proceeding that complies with the
20 provisions of chapter 803, or (4) intentionally and unreasonably
21 interferes with or prevents the making of a report of suspected child
22 abuse or neglect required under section 17a-101a, or (5) violates any
23 provision of subsection (a) of section 14-227a while a child under
24 sixteen years of age is a passenger in the motor vehicle, shall be guilty
25 of (A) a class D felony for a violation of subdivision (4) or (5) of this
26 subsection, (B) a class C felony for a violation of subdivision (1) or (3)
27 of this subsection, and (C) a class B felony for a violation of subdivision
28 (2) of this subsection, except that, if the violation is of subdivision (2) of
29 this subsection and the victim of the offense is under thirteen years of
30 age, such person shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment of
31 which five years of the sentence imposed may not be suspended or
32 reduced by the court.

33 (b) The act of a parent or agent leaving an infant thirty days or
34 younger with a designated employee pursuant to section 17a-58 shall
35 not constitute a violation of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2014</i>	53-21

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that a person who operates a motor vehicle under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, or both, with a child sixteen years of age or younger in the motor vehicle, may be guilty of the crime of risk of injury to a child.

[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.]