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AN ACT EXPANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-16p of the 2014 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

4 (a) As used in sections 10-16o to 10-16s, inclusive, 10-16u, 17b-749a
5 and 17b-749c:

6 (1) "School readiness program" means a nonsectarian program that
7 (A) meets the standards set by the department pursuant to subsection
8 (b) of this section and the requirements of section 10-16q, as amended
9 by this act, and (B) provides a developmentally appropriate learning
10 experience of not less than four hundred fifty hours and one hundred
11 eighty days for eligible children, except as provided in subsection (d)

12 of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

13 (2) "Eligible children" means children three and four years of age
14 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school
15 pursuant to section 10-15c, or who are eligible to enroll in school and
16 will attend a school readiness program pursuant to section 10-16t;

17 (3) "Priority school" means a school in which forty per cent or more
18 of the lunches served are served to students who are eligible for free or
19 reduced price lunches pursuant to federal law and regulations,
20 excluding such a school located in a priority school district pursuant to
21 section 10-266p or in a former priority school district receiving a grant
22 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section and, on and after July 1, 2001,
23 excluding such a school in a transitional school district receiving a
24 grant pursuant to section 10-16u;

25 (4) "Severe need school" means a school in a priority school district
26 pursuant to section 10-266p or in a former priority school district in
27 which forty per cent or more of the lunches served are served to
28 students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches;

29 (5) "Accredited" means accredited by the National Association for
30 the Education of Young Children, a Head Start on-site program review
31 instrument or a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations,
32 or otherwise meeting such criteria as may be established by the
33 commissioner, in consultation with the Commissioner of Social
34 Services, unless the context otherwise requires;

35 (6) "Seeking accreditation" means a school readiness program
36 seeking accreditation by the National Association for the Education of
37 Young Children or a Head Start on-site program review instrument or
38 a successor instrument pursuant to federal regulations, or attempting
39 to meet criteria as may be established by the commissioner, in
40 consultation with the Commissioner of Social Services, unless the
41 context otherwise requires;

42 ~~[(6)]~~ ~~(7)~~ "Year-round" means fifty weeks per year, except as
43 provided in subsection (d) of section 10-16q, as amended by this act;

44 ~~[(7)]~~ ~~(8)~~ "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Education; and

45 ~~[(8)]~~ ~~(9)~~ "Department" means the Department of Education.

46 (b) (1) The Department of Education shall be the lead agency for
47 school readiness. For purposes of this section and section 10-16u,
48 school readiness program providers eligible for funding from the
49 Department of Education shall include local and regional boards of
50 education, regional educational service centers, family resource centers
51 and providers of child day care centers, as defined in section 19a-77,
52 Head Start programs, preschool programs and other programs that
53 meet such standards established by the Commissioner of Education.
54 The department shall establish standards for school readiness
55 programs. The standards may include, but need not be limited to,
56 guidelines for staff-child interactions, curriculum content, including
57 preliteracy development, lesson plans, parent involvement, staff
58 qualifications and training, transition to school and administration.
59 The department shall develop age-appropriate developmental skills
60 and goals for children attending such programs. The commissioner, in
61 consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
62 Education, the Commissioner of Social Services and other appropriate
63 entities, shall develop a professional development program for the
64 staff of school readiness programs.

65 (2) For purposes of this section:

66 (A) Prior to July 1, 2015, "staff qualifications" means there is in each
67 classroom an individual who has at least the following: (i) A childhood
68 development associate credential or an equivalent credential issued by
69 an organization approved by the Commissioner of Education and
70 twelve credits or more in early childhood education or child
71 development, as determined by the president of the Board of Regents
72 for Higher Education, after consultation with the Commissioners of

73 Education and Social Services, from an institution of higher education
74 (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State
75 Board of Education, and (II) regionally accredited; (ii) an associate's
76 degree with twelve credits or more in early childhood education or
77 child development, as determined by the president of the Board of
78 Regents for Higher Education, after consultation with the
79 Commissioners of Education and Social Services, from such an
80 institution; (iii) a four-year degree with twelve credits or more in early
81 childhood education or child development, as determined by the
82 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, after
83 consultation with the Commissioners of Education and Social Services,
84 from such an institution; or (iv) certification pursuant to section 10-
85 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or special
86 education;

87 (B) From July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2020, "staff qualifications" means
88 that for each early childhood education program accepting state funds
89 for infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such
90 program's child day care program or school readiness program, (i) at
91 least fifty per cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility
92 for a classroom of children hold (I) certification pursuant to section 10-
93 145b with an endorsement in early childhood education or early
94 childhood special education, or (II) a bachelor's degree with a
95 concentration in early childhood education, including, but not limited
96 to, a bachelor's degree in early childhood education, child study, child
97 development or human growth and development, from an institution
98 of higher education accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher
99 Education or Office of Higher Education, and regionally accredited,
100 provided such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of
101 Regents for Higher Education and the Department of Education, and
102 (ii) such remaining individuals with the primary responsibility for a
103 classroom of children hold an associate degree with a concentration in
104 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, an associate's
105 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or

106 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
107 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
108 or Office of Higher Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided
109 such associate degree program is approved by the Board of Regents for
110 Higher Education and the Department of Education; and

111 (C) On and after July 1, 2020, "staff qualifications" means that for
112 each early childhood education program accepting state funds for
113 infant, toddler and preschool spaces associated with such program's
114 child day care program or school readiness program, one hundred per
115 cent of those individuals with the primary responsibility for a
116 classroom of children hold (i) certification pursuant to section 10-145b
117 with an endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood
118 special education, or (ii) a bachelor's degree with a concentration in
119 early childhood education, including, but not limited to, a bachelor's
120 degree in early childhood education, child study, child development or
121 human growth and development, from an institution of higher
122 education (I) accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education
123 or State Board of Education, and (II) regionally accredited, provided
124 such bachelor's degree program is approved by the Board of Regents
125 for Higher Education and the Department of Education.

126 (3) Any individual with a bachelor's degree who, on or before June
127 30, 2015, is employed as a teacher by an early childhood education
128 program that accepts state funds for infant, toddler and preschool
129 spaces associated with such program's child day care program or
130 school readiness program and meets the staff qualifications required
131 under subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be
132 considered to meet the staff qualifications required under
133 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of this subsection. No
134 such early childhood education program shall terminate any such
135 individual from employment for purposes of meeting the staff
136 qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) or (C) of
137 subdivision (2) of this subsection. Any such individual who terminates
138 his or her employment with such early childhood education program

139 and accepts a teacher position at another early childhood education
140 program accepting state funds for spaces associated with such
141 program's child day care program or school readiness program shall
142 submit documentation of such individual's progress toward meeting
143 the staff qualification requirements set forth in subparagraph (B) or (C)
144 of subdivision (2) of this subsection in a manner determined by the
145 Department of Education.

146 (4) Any individual with a bachelor's degree other than those
147 bachelor's degrees specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of
148 subdivision (2) of this subsection may submit documentation
149 concerning such degree for review and assessment by the Department
150 of Education as to whether such degree has a sufficient concentration
151 in early childhood education so as to satisfy the requirements set forth
152 in said subparagraphs (A) and (B).

153 (c) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
154 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a grant program to
155 provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs for eligible
156 children who reside in priority school districts pursuant to section 10-
157 266p or in former priority school districts as provided in this
158 subsection. Under the program, the grant shall be provided, in
159 accordance with this section, to the town in which such priority school
160 district or former priority school district is located. Eligibility shall be
161 determined for a five-year period based on an applicant's designation
162 as a priority school district for the initial year of application, except
163 that if a school district that receives a grant pursuant to this subsection
164 is no longer designated as a priority school district at the end of such
165 five-year period, such former priority school district shall continue to
166 be eligible to receive a grant pursuant to this subsection. Grant awards
167 shall be made annually contingent upon available funding and a
168 satisfactory annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town
169 and the superintendent of schools for such priority school district or
170 former priority school district shall submit a plan for the expenditure
171 of grant funds and responses to the local request for proposal process

172 to the Departments of Education and Social Services. The departments
173 shall jointly review such plans and shall each approve the portion of
174 such plan within its jurisdiction for funding. The plan shall: (1) Be
175 developed in consultation with the local or regional school readiness
176 council established pursuant to section 10-16r, as amended by this act;
177 (2) be based on a needs and resource assessment; (3) provide for the
178 issuance of requests for proposals for providers of accredited school
179 readiness programs, provided, after the initial requests for proposals,
180 facilities that have been approved to operate a child care program
181 financed through the Connecticut Health and Education Facilities
182 Authority and have received a commitment for debt service from the
183 Department of Social Services pursuant to section 17b-749i, are exempt
184 from the requirement for issuance of annual requests for proposals;
185 and (4) identify the need for funding pursuant to section 17b-749a in
186 order to extend the hours and days of operation of school readiness
187 programs in order to provide child day care services for children
188 attending such programs.

189 (d) (1) The Commissioner of Education, in consultation with the
190 Commissioner of Social Services, shall establish a competitive grant
191 program to provide spaces in accredited school readiness programs or
192 school readiness programs seeking accreditation for eligible children
193 who reside (A) in an area served by a priority school or a former
194 priority school as provided for in subdivision (2) of this subsection, (B)
195 in a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked in ascending
196 order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of
197 section 10-262f, whose school district is not a priority school district
198 pursuant to section 10-266p, [or] (C) in a town formerly a town
199 described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided for in
200 subdivision (2) of this subsection, or (D) in a town designated as an
201 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u, whose school district is
202 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p. A town in
203 which a priority school is located, a regional school readiness council,
204 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r, as amended by this act, for

205 a region in which such a school is located or a town described in
206 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision may apply for such a grant in an
207 amount not [to exceed] less than one hundred seven thousand dollars
208 per priority school or town. Eligibility shall be determined for a five-
209 year period based on an applicant's designation as having a priority
210 school or being a town described in subparagraph (B) of this
211 subdivision for the initial year of application. Grant awards shall be
212 made annually contingent upon available funding and a satisfactory
213 annual evaluation. The chief elected official of such town and the
214 superintendent of schools of the school district or the regional school
215 readiness council shall submit a plan, as described in subsection (c) of
216 this section, for the expenditure of such grant funds to the Department
217 of Education. In awarding grants pursuant to this subsection, the
218 commissioner shall give preference to applications submitted by
219 regional school readiness councils and may, within available
220 appropriations, provide a grant [in excess of one hundred seven
221 thousand dollars to towns with two or more priority schools in such
222 district] to such town or regional school readiness council that
223 increases the number of spaces for eligible children described in
224 subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision, in an
225 accredited school readiness program or a school reading program
226 seeking accreditation. A town or regional school readiness council
227 awarded a grant pursuant to this subsection shall use the funds to
228 purchase spaces for such children from providers of accredited school
229 readiness programs or school readiness programs seeking
230 accreditation.

231 (2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (C) of this subdivision,
232 commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, if a town
233 received a grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection and is
234 no longer eligible to receive such a grant, the town may receive a
235 phase-out grant for each of the three fiscal years following the fiscal
236 year such town received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of
237 this subsection.

238 (B) The amount of such phase-out grants shall be determined as
239 follows: (i) For the first fiscal year following the fiscal year such town
240 received its final grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in
241 an amount that does not exceed seventy-five per cent of the grant
242 amount such town received for the town or school's final year of
243 eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection; (ii) for the
244 second fiscal year following the fiscal year such town received its final
245 grant pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that
246 does not exceed fifty per cent of the grant amount such town received
247 for the town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to
248 subdivision (1) of this subsection; and (iii) for the third fiscal year
249 following the fiscal year such town received its final grant pursuant to
250 subdivision (1) of this subsection, in an amount that does not exceed
251 twenty-five per cent of the grant amount such town received for the
252 town's or school's final year of eligibility pursuant to subdivision (1) of
253 this subsection.

254 (C) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal year
255 thereafter, any town that received a grant pursuant to subparagraph
256 (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the fiscal year ending June
257 30, 2010, shall continue to receive a grant under this subsection even if
258 the town no longer meets the criteria for such grant pursuant to
259 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this subsection.

260 (e) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, and each fiscal year
261 thereafter, priority school districts and former priority school districts
262 shall receive grants based on the sum of the products obtained by (A)
263 multiplying the district's number of contracted slots on March thirtieth
264 of the fiscal year prior to the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid,
265 by the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b)
266 of section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except that such per child
267 cost shall be reduced for slots that are less than year-round, and (B)
268 multiplying the number of additional or decreased slots the districts
269 have requested for the fiscal year in which the grant is to be paid by
270 the per child cost pursuant to subdivision [(2)] (1) of subsection (b) of

271 section 10-16q, as amended by this act, except such per child cost shall
272 be reduced for slots that are less than year-round. If said sum exceeds
273 the available appropriation, such number of requested additional slots
274 shall be reduced, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, to
275 stay within the available appropriation.

276 (2) (A) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
277 this section are not expended, the Commissioner of Education may
278 deposit such unexpended funds in the account established under
279 section 10-16aa and use such unexpended funds in accordance with
280 the provisions of section 10-16aa.

281 (B) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, and each fiscal year
282 thereafter, if funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of
283 this section are not expended, an amount up to five hundred thousand
284 dollars of such unexpended funds may be available for the provision
285 of professional development for early childhood education program
286 providers offered by a professional development and program
287 improvement system within the Connecticut State University System
288 and available for use in accordance with the provisions of this
289 subparagraph for the subsequent fiscal year. The Commissioner of
290 Education may use such unexpended funds on and after July 1, 2012,
291 in consultation with the president of the Board of Regents for Higher
292 Education, to support early childhood education programs accepting
293 state funds in satisfying the staff qualifications requirements of
294 subparagraphs (B) and (C) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this
295 section. The Department of Education shall use any such funds to
296 provide assistance to individual staff members, giving priority to those
297 staff members attending an institution of higher education (i)
298 accredited by the Board of Regents for Higher Education or State
299 Board of Education, and (ii) regionally accredited, at a maximum of
300 five thousand dollars per staff member per year for the cost of higher
301 education courses leading to a bachelor's degree or, not later than
302 December 31, 2013, an associate's degree, as such degrees are described
303 in said subparagraphs (B) and (C) at an in-state public institution of

304 higher education or a Connecticut-based for-profit or nonprofit
305 institution of higher education, provided such staff members have
306 applied for all available federal and state scholarships and grants, and
307 such assistance does not exceed such staff members' financial need.
308 Individual staff members shall apply for such unexpended funds in a
309 manner determined by the Department of Education. The
310 Commissioner of Education shall determine, in consultation with the
311 president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, how such
312 unexpended funds shall be distributed.

313 (C) If funds appropriated for the purposes of subsection (c) of this
314 section are not expended pursuant to subsection (c) of this section,
315 deposited pursuant to subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, or used
316 pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, the Commissioner of
317 Education may use such unexpended funds to support local school
318 readiness programs. The commissioner may use such funds for
319 purposes including, but not limited to, (i) assisting local school
320 readiness programs in meeting and maintaining accreditation
321 requirements, (ii) providing training in implementing the preschool
322 assessment and curriculum frameworks, including training to enhance
323 literacy teaching skills, (iii) developing a state-wide preschool
324 curriculum, (iv) developing student assessments for students in grades
325 kindergarten to two, inclusive, (v) developing and implementing best
326 practices for parents in supporting preschool and kindergarten student
327 learning, (vi) developing and implementing strategies for children to
328 transition from preschool to kindergarten, (vii) providing for
329 professional development, including assisting in career ladder
330 advancement, for school readiness staff, [and] (viii) providing
331 supplemental grants to other towns that are eligible for grants
332 pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and (ix) developing a plan to
333 provide spaces in an accredited school readiness program or a school
334 readiness program seeking accreditation to all eligible children, as
335 described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of subdivision (1) of
336 subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.

337 (3) Notwithstanding subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the fiscal
338 years ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, the Department
339 of Education may retain up to one hundred ninety-eight thousand two
340 hundred dollars of the amount appropriated for purposes of this
341 section for coordination, program evaluation and administration.

342 (f) Any school readiness program that receives funds pursuant to
343 this section or section 10-16u shall not discriminate on the basis of race,
344 color, national origin, gender, religion or disability. For purposes of
345 this section, a nonsectarian program means any public or private
346 school readiness program that is not violative of the Establishment
347 Clause of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut or the
348 Establishment Clause of the Constitution of the United States of
349 America.

350 (g) Subject to the provisions of this subsection, no funds received by
351 a town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-
352 16u shall be used to supplant federal, state or local funding received by
353 such town for early childhood education, provided a town may use an
354 amount determined in accordance with this subsection for
355 coordination, program evaluation and administration. Such amount
356 shall be at least twenty-five thousand dollars but not more than
357 seventy-five thousand dollars and shall be determined by the
358 Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of
359 Social Services, based on the school readiness grant award allocated to
360 the town pursuant to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-
361 16u and the number of operating sites for coordination, program
362 evaluation and administration. Such amount shall be increased by an
363 amount equal to local funding provided for early childhood education
364 coordination, program evaluation and administration, not to exceed
365 twenty-five thousand dollars. Each town that receives a grant pursuant
366 to subsection (c) or (d) of this section or section 10-16u shall designate
367 a person to be responsible for such coordination, program evaluation
368 and administration and to act as a liaison between the town and the
369 Departments of Education and Social Services. Each school readiness

370 program that receives funds pursuant to this section or section 10-16u
371 shall provide information to the department or the school readiness
372 council, as requested, that is necessary for purposes of any school
373 readiness program evaluation.

374 (h) [For the first three years a] Any town [receives grants] receiving
375 a grant pursuant to this section [,] may use such [grants may be used]
376 grant, with the approval of the commissioner, to prepare a facility or
377 staff for operating a school readiness program and shall be adjusted
378 based on the number of days of operation of a school readiness
379 program if a shorter term of operation is approved by the
380 commissioner.

381 (i) A town may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible
382 children who reside in such town at an accredited school readiness
383 program located in another town. A regional school readiness council
384 may use grant funds to purchase spaces for eligible children who
385 reside in the region covered by the council at an accredited school
386 readiness program located outside such region.

387 (j) Children enrolled in school readiness programs funded pursuant
388 to this section shall not be counted (1) as resident students for
389 purposes of subdivision (22) of section 10-262f, or (2) in the
390 determination of average daily membership pursuant to subdivision
391 (2) of subsection (a) of section 10-261.

392 (k) Up to two per cent of the amount of the appropriation for this
393 section may be allocated to the competitive grant program pursuant to
394 subsection (d) of this section. The determination of the amount of such
395 allocation shall be made on or before August first.

396 Sec. 2. Section 10-16q of the general statutes is repealed and the
397 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

398 (a) Each school readiness program shall include: (1) A plan for
399 collaboration with other community programs and services, including

400 public libraries, and for coordination of resources in order to facilitate
401 full-day and year-round child care and education programs for
402 children of working parents and parents in education or training
403 programs; (2) parent involvement, parenting education and outreach;
404 (3) (A) record-keeping policies that require documentation of the name
405 and address of each child's doctor, primary care provider and health
406 insurance company and information on whether the child is
407 immunized and has had health screens pursuant to the federal Early
408 and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services Program
409 under 42 USC 1396d, and (B) referrals for health services, including
410 referrals for appropriate immunizations and screenings; (4) a plan for
411 the incorporation of appropriate preliteracy practices and teacher
412 training in such practices; (5) nutrition services; (6) referrals to family
413 literacy programs that incorporate adult basic education and provide
414 for the promotion of literacy through access to public library services;
415 (7) admission policies that promote enrollment of children from
416 different racial, ethnic and economic backgrounds and from other
417 communities; (8) a plan of transition for participating children from the
418 school readiness program to kindergarten and provide for the transfer
419 of records from the program to the kindergarten program; (9) a plan
420 for professional development for staff, including, but not limited to,
421 training (A) in preliteracy skills development, and (B) designed to
422 assure respect for racial and ethnic diversity; (10) a sliding fee scale for
423 families participating in the program pursuant to section 17b-749d;
424 and (11) an annual evaluation of the effectiveness of the program. On
425 and after July 1, 2000, school readiness programs shall use the
426 assessment measures developed pursuant to section 10-16s in
427 conducting their annual evaluations.

428 [(b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the per child cost of
429 the Department of Education school readiness component of the
430 program offered by a school readiness provider shall not exceed six
431 thousand six hundred fifty dollars.]

432 [(2)] (b) (1) For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2009] 2015, and each

433 fiscal year thereafter, the per child cost of the Department of Education
434 school readiness program offered by a school readiness provider shall
435 be within available appropriations and shall not [exceed] be less than
436 eight thousand three hundred forty-six dollars.

437 [(3)] (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (e) of section
438 10-16p, as amended by this act, the Department of Education shall not
439 provide funding to any school readiness provider that (A) on or before
440 January 1, 2004, first entered into a contract with a town to provide
441 school readiness services pursuant to this section and is not accredited
442 on January 1, 2007, or (B) after January 1, 2004, first entered into a
443 contract with a town to provide school readiness services pursuant to
444 this section and does not become accredited by the date three years
445 after the date on which the provider first entered into such a contract,
446 except that the Commissioner of Education may grant an extension of
447 time for a school readiness program to become accredited or
448 reaccredited, provided (i) prior to such extension, the Department of
449 Education conducts an on-site assessment of any such program and
450 maintains a report of such assessment completed in a uniform manner,
451 as prescribed by the commissioner, that includes a list of conditions
452 such program must fulfill to become accredited or reaccredited, (ii) the
453 program is licensed by the Department of Public Health if required to
454 be licensed by chapter 368a, (iii) the program has a corrective action
455 plan that shall be prescribed by and monitored by the Commissioner
456 of Education, and (iv) the program meets such other conditions as may
457 be prescribed by the commissioner. During the period of such
458 extension, such program shall be eligible for funding pursuant to said
459 section 10-16p.

460 [(4)] (3) A school readiness provider may provide child day care
461 services and the cost of such child day care services shall not be subject
462 to such per child cost limitation.

463 (c) A local or regional board of education may implement a sliding
464 fee scale for the cost of services provided to children enrolled in a

465 school readiness program.

466 (d) A town or school readiness council may file a waiver application
467 to the Department of Education on forms provided by the department
468 for the purpose of seeking approval of a school readiness schedule that
469 varies from the minimum hours and number of days provided for in
470 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 10-16p, as amended by this
471 act, or from the definition of a year-round program pursuant to
472 subdivision (7) of said subsection (a). The Department of Education
473 may, in consultation with the Department of Social Services, approve
474 any such waiver if the departments find that the proposed schedule
475 meets the purposes set forth in the provisions of section 10-16o
476 concerning the development of school readiness programs and
477 maximizes available dollars to serve more children or address
478 community needs.

479 Sec. 3. Section 10-16r of the general statutes is repealed and the
480 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

481 (a) A town seeking to apply for a grant pursuant to subsection (c) of
482 section 10-16p, as amended by this act, or section 10-16u shall convene
483 a local school readiness council or shall establish a regional school
484 readiness council pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any other
485 town may convene such a council. The chief elected official of the town
486 or, in the case of a regional school district, the chief elected officials of
487 the towns in the school district and the superintendent of schools for
488 the school district shall jointly appoint and convene such council. Each
489 school readiness council shall be composed of: (1) The chief elected
490 official, or the official's designee; (2) the superintendent of schools, or a
491 management level staff person as the superintendent's designee; (3)
492 parents; (4) representatives from local programs such as Head Start,
493 family resource centers, nonprofit and for-profit child day care centers,
494 group day care homes, prekindergarten and nursery schools, and
495 family day care home providers; (5) a representative from a health care
496 provider in the community; and (6) other representatives from the

497 community who provide services to children. The chief elected official
498 shall designate the chairperson of the school readiness council.

499 (b) The local school readiness council shall: (1) Make
500 recommendations to the chief elected official and the superintendent of
501 schools on issues relating to school readiness, including any
502 applications for grants pursuant to sections 10-16p, as amended by this
503 act, 10-16u, 17b-749a and 17b-749c; (2) foster partnerships among
504 providers of school readiness programs; (3) [assist in the identification
505 of (A) the need for school readiness programs and the number of
506 children not being served by such a program, and (B) for priority
507 school districts pursuant to section 10-266p, the number of children not
508 being served by such a program and the estimated operating cost of
509 providing universal school readiness to eligible children in such
510 districts who are not being served; (4)] submit biennial reports to the
511 Department of Education on the number and location of school
512 readiness spaces and estimates of [future needs; (5) submit biennial
513 reports on factors identified pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
514 subsection; (6)] the number of children not being served by school
515 readiness programs and the estimated cost of providing spaces to all
516 eligible children, as described in subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of
517 subdivision (1) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this
518 act, in an accredited school readiness program or a school readiness
519 program seeking accreditation; (4) cooperate with the department in
520 any program evaluation and, on and after July 1, 2000, use measures
521 developed pursuant to section 10-16s for purposes of evaluating the
522 effectiveness of school readiness programs; [(7)] (5) identify existing
523 and prospective resources and services available to children and
524 families; [(8)] (6) facilitate the coordination of the delivery of services
525 to children and families, including (A) referral procedures, and (B)
526 before and after-school child care for children attending kindergarten
527 programs; [(9)] (7) exchange information with other councils, the
528 community and organizations serving the needs of children and
529 families; [(10)] (8) make recommendations to school officials

530 concerning transition from school readiness programs to kindergarten;
531 and [(11)] (9) encourage public participation.

532 (c) Two or more towns or school districts and appropriate
533 representatives of groups or entities interested in early childhood
534 education in a region may establish a regional school readiness
535 council. If a priority school is located in at least one of such school
536 districts, the regional school readiness council may apply for a grant
537 pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-16p, as amended by this act.
538 The regional school readiness council may perform the duties outlined
539 in subdivisions (2) to (10), inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section.

540 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The executive director of the Office of
541 Early Childhood shall develop a plan to provide spaces to all eligible
542 children, as defined in section 5 of this act, in an accredited school
543 readiness program, as defined in section 5 of this act, or a school
544 readiness program seeking accreditation, as defined in section 5 of this
545 act. The executive director shall submit such plan to the Governor on
546 or before January 1, 2015.

547 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) For purposes of this section:

548 (1) "Eligible town" means a town in which a priority school is
549 located or a town ranked one to fifty when all towns are ranked in
550 ascending order according to town wealth, as defined in subdivision
551 (26) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, whose school district is
552 not a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p of the general
553 statutes;

554 (2) "Eligible regional school readiness council" means a regional
555 school readiness council, pursuant to subsection (c) of section 10-16r of
556 the general statutes, as amended by this act, for a region in which a
557 priority school is located;

558 (3) "Eligible children" means children (A) three and four years of age
559 and children five years of age who are not eligible to enroll in school

560 pursuant to section 10-15c of the general statutes, or who are eligible to
561 enroll in school and will attend a school readiness program pursuant
562 to section 10-16t of the general statutes, and (B) who reside (i) in an
563 area served by a priority school or a former priority school, as
564 described in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the
565 general statutes, as amended by this act, (ii) in a town ranked one to
566 fifty when all towns are ranked in ascending order according to town
567 wealth, as defined in subdivision (26) of section 10-262f of the general
568 statutes, whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant
569 to section 10-266p of the general statutes, (iii) in a town formerly a
570 town described in subparagraph (B) of this subdivision, as provided
571 for in subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-16p of the general
572 statutes, as amended by this act, or (iv) in a town designated as an
573 alliance district, as defined in section 10-262u of the general statutes,
574 whose school district is not a priority school district pursuant to
575 section 10-266p of the general statutes;

576 (4) "School readiness program" has the same meaning as provided
577 in section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

578 (5) "Priority school" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-
579 16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act;

580 (6) "Accredited" has the same meaning as provided in section 10-16p
581 of the general statutes, as amended by this act; and

582 (7) "Seeking accreditation" has the same meaning as provided in
583 section 10-16p of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

584 (b) The executive director of the Office of Early Childhood shall
585 establish a grant program to eligible towns and eligible regional school
586 readiness councils for (1) start-up of school readiness classrooms, and
587 (2) providing spaces to all eligible children in accredited school
588 readiness programs and school readiness programs seeking
589 accreditation. An eligible town or eligible regional school readiness
590 council may apply for such grant to the executive director, at such time

591 and in such manner as the executive director prescribes.

592 Sec. 6. Section 19a-80 of the general statutes is repealed and the
593 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

594 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
595 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
596 child day care center or group day care home without a license issued
597 in accordance with sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to
598 19a-87a, inclusive. Applications for such license shall be made to the
599 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of the Office of
600 Early Childhood on forms provided by the [commissioner] executive
601 director and shall contain the information required by regulations
602 adopted under said sections. The forms shall contain a notice that false
603 statements made therein are punishable in accordance with section
604 53a-157b.

605 (b) (1) Upon receipt of an application for a license, the
606 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall issue such
607 license if, upon inspection and investigation, said [commissioner]
608 executive director finds that the applicant, the facilities and the
609 program meet the health, educational and social needs of children
610 likely to attend the child day care center or group day care home and
611 comply with requirements established by regulations adopted under
612 sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a,
613 inclusive. The [commissioner] executive director shall offer an
614 expedited application review process for an application submitted by a
615 municipal agency or department. The [commissioner] executive
616 director shall have discretion to determine whether a change of
617 operator, ownership or location request from a currently licensed
618 person or entity, as described in subsection (a) of this section, shall
619 require the filing of a new license application from such person or
620 entity. Each license shall be for a term of four years, shall be
621 nontransferable, and may be renewed upon receipt by the
622 [commissioner] executive director of a renewal application and

623 accompanying licensure fee. The [commissioner] executive director
624 may suspend or revoke such license after notice and an opportunity
625 for a hearing as provided in section 19a-84 for violation of the
626 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and
627 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive.

628 (2) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
629 collect from the licensee of a day care center a fee of five hundred
630 dollars prior to issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years.
631 The [commissioner] executive director shall collect from the licensee of
632 a group day care home a fee of two hundred fifty dollars prior to
633 issuing or renewing a license for a term of four years. The
634 [commissioner] executive director shall require only one license for a
635 child day care center operated in two or more buildings, provided the
636 same licensee provides child day care services in each building and the
637 buildings are joined together by a contiguous playground that is part
638 of the licensed space.

639 (3) The executive director, or the executive director's designee, shall
640 make an unannounced visit, inspection or investigation of each
641 licensed child day care center and group day care home each year. At
642 least every two years, the local health director, or the local health
643 director's designee, shall make an inspection of each licensed child day
644 care center and group day care home.

645 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director, within
646 available appropriations, shall require each prospective employee of a
647 child day care center or group day care home in a position requiring
648 the provision of care to a child to submit to state and national criminal
649 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
650 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with
651 section 29-17a. The [commissioner] executive director shall also request
652 a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section
653 17a-101k. Pursuant to the interagency agreement provided for in
654 section 10-16s, the Department of Social Services may agree to transfer

655 funds appropriated for criminal history records checks to the
656 [Department of Public Health] Office of Early Childhood. The
657 [commissioner] executive director shall notify each licensee of the
658 provisions of this subsection.

659 (d) The [commissioner] executive director shall inform each
660 licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided not later than
661 sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of new or changed
662 regulations adopted under sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, or
663 sections 19a-82 to 19a-87a, inclusive, with which a licensee must
664 comply.

665 Sec. 7. Section 19a-87b of the 2014 supplement to the general statutes
666 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
667 *1, 2014*):

668 (a) No person, group of persons, association, organization,
669 corporation, institution or agency, public or private, shall maintain a
670 family day care home, as defined in section 19a-77, without a license
671 issued by the [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director of
672 the Office of Early Childhood. Licensure forms shall be obtained from
673 the [Department of Public Health] office. Applications for licensure
674 shall be made to the [commissioner] executive director on forms
675 provided by the [department] office and shall contain the information
676 required by regulations adopted under this section. The licensure and
677 application forms shall contain a notice that false statements made
678 therein are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b. Applicants
679 shall state, in writing, that they are in compliance with the regulations
680 adopted by the [commissioner] executive director pursuant to
681 subsection (f) of this section. Before a family day care home license is
682 granted, the [department] office shall make an inquiry and
683 investigation which shall include a visit and inspection of the premises
684 for which the license is requested. Any inspection conducted by the
685 [department] office shall include an inspection for evident sources of
686 lead poisoning. The [department] office shall provide for a chemical

687 analysis of any paint chips found on such premises. Neither the
688 [commissioner] executive director nor the [commissioner's] executive
689 director's designee shall require an annual inspection for homes
690 seeking license renewal or for licensed homes, except that the
691 [commissioner] executive director or the [commissioner's] executive
692 director's designee shall make [unannounced visits, during customary
693 business hours, to at least thirty-three and one-third per cent of the
694 licensed family day care homes each year] an unannounced visit,
695 inspection or investigation of each licensed family day care home at
696 least every year. A licensed family day care home shall not be subject
697 to any conditions on the operation of such home by local officials,
698 other than those imposed by the [department] office pursuant to this
699 subsection, if the home complies with all local codes and ordinances
700 applicable to single and multifamily dwellings.

701 (b) No person shall act as an assistant or substitute staff member to a
702 person or entity maintaining a family day care home, as defined in
703 section 19a-77, without an approval issued by the [Commissioner of
704 Public Health] executive director. Any person seeking to act as an
705 assistant or substitute staff member in a family day care home shall
706 submit an application for such approval to the [department] office.
707 Applications for approval shall: (1) Be made to the [commissioner]
708 executive director on forms provided by the [department] office, (2)
709 contain the information required by regulations adopted under this
710 section, and (3) be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. The
711 approval application forms shall contain a notice that false statements
712 made in such form are punishable in accordance with section 53a-157b.

713 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director, within
714 available appropriations, shall require each initial applicant or
715 prospective employee of a family day care home in a position
716 requiring the provision of care to a child, including an assistant or
717 substitute staff member, to submit to state and national criminal
718 history records checks. The criminal history records checks required
719 pursuant to this subsection shall be conducted in accordance with

720 section 29-17a. The [commissioner] executive director shall also request
721 a check of the state child abuse registry established pursuant to section
722 17a-101k. The [commissioner] executive director shall notify each
723 licensee of the provisions of this subsection.

724 (d) An application for initial licensure pursuant to this section shall
725 be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars and such license shall be
726 issued for a term of four years. An application for renewal of a license
727 issued pursuant to this section shall be accompanied by a fee of forty
728 dollars and a certification from the licensee that any child enrolled in
729 the family day care home has received age-appropriate immunizations
730 in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection (f) of
731 this section. A license issued pursuant to this section shall be renewed
732 for a term of four years.

733 (e) An application for initial staff approval or renewal of staff
734 approval shall be accompanied by a fee of fifteen dollars. Such
735 approvals shall be issued or renewed for a term of two years.

736 (f) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
737 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to
738 assure that family day care homes, as defined in section 19a-77, shall
739 meet the health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such
740 homes. Such regulations shall ensure that the family day care home is
741 treated as a residence, and not an institutional facility. Such
742 regulations shall specify that each child be protected as age-
743 appropriate by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis,
744 tetanus, poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, hemophilus
745 influenzae type B and any other vaccine required by the schedule of
746 active immunization adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f. Such
747 regulations shall provide appropriate exemptions for children for
748 whom such immunization is medically contraindicated and for
749 children whose parents object to such immunization on religious
750 grounds. Such regulations shall also specify conditions under which
751 family day care home providers may administer tests to monitor

752 glucose levels in a child with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and
753 administer medicinal preparations, including controlled drugs
754 specified in the regulations by the [commissioner] executive director,
755 to a child receiving day care services at a family day care home
756 pursuant to a written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine
757 in this or another state, an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
758 to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a or a physician assistant
759 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, and the written
760 authorization of a parent or guardian of such child. Such regulations
761 shall specify appropriate standards for extended care and intermittent
762 short-term overnight care. The [commissioner] executive director shall
763 inform each licensee, by way of a plain language summary provided
764 not later than sixty days after the regulation's effective date, of any
765 new or changed regulations adopted under this subsection with which
766 a licensee must comply.

767 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) The Office of Early Childhood
768 shall constitute a successor department, in accordance with the
769 provisions of sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39 of the general statutes, to
770 the Department of Public Health for the purpose of the conduct of
771 regulation of youth camps pursuant to sections 19a-420 to 19a-434,
772 inclusive, of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

773 Sec. 9. Section 19a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the
774 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

775 As used in this chapter:

776 (1) "Youth camp" means any regularly scheduled program or
777 organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during
778 school vacations or on weekends by a person, partnership,
779 corporation, association, the state or a municipal agency for
780 recreational or educational purposes and accommodating for profit or
781 under philanthropic or charitable auspices five or more children, who
782 are at least three years of age and under sixteen years of age, who are

783 (A) not bona fide personal guests in the private home of an individual,
784 and (B) living apart from their relatives, parents or legal guardian, for
785 a period of three days or more per week or portions of three or more
786 days per week, provided any such relative, parent or guardian who is
787 an employee of such camp shall not be considered to be in the position
788 of loco parentis to such employee's child for the purposes of this
789 chapter, but does not include (i) classroom-based summer instructional
790 programs operated by any person, provided no activities that may
791 pose a health risk or hazard to participating children are conducted at
792 such programs, (ii) public schools, or private schools in compliance
793 with section 10-188 and approved by the State Board of Education or
794 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of
795 Education, which operate a summer educational program, (iii) licensed
796 day care centers, or (iv) drop-in programs for children who are at least
797 six years of age administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls'
798 club;

799 (2) "Resident camp" means any youth camp which is established,
800 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which
801 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate
802 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under
803 sixteen years of age for at least seventy-two consecutive hours and in
804 which the campers attending such camps eat and sleep;

805 (3) "Day camp" means any youth camp which is established,
806 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which
807 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate
808 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under
809 sixteen years of age during daylight hours for at least three days a
810 week with the campers eating and sleeping at home, except for one
811 meal per day, but does not include programs operated by a municipal
812 agency;

813 (4) "Person" means the state or any municipal agency, individual,
814 partnership, association, organization, limited liability company or

815 corporation;

816 (5) ["Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health]
817 "Executive director" means the executive director of the Office of Early
818 Childhood; and

819 (6) ["Department" means the Department of Public Health] "Office"
820 means the Office of Early Childhood.

821 Sec. 10. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the
822 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

823 No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp
824 without a license issued by the [department] office. Applications for
825 such license shall be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the
826 opening of the youth camp on forms provided and in accordance with
827 procedures established by the [commissioner] executive director and
828 shall be accompanied by a fee of eight hundred fifteen dollars or, if the
829 applicant is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a fee of
830 three hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a day camp
831 affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days
832 duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee. All
833 such licenses shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of
834 issuance unless surrendered for cancellation or suspended or revoked
835 by the [commissioner] executive director for violation of this chapter
836 or any regulations adopted under section 19a-428, as amended by this
837 act, and shall be renewable upon payment of a eight-hundred-fifteen-
838 dollar license fee or, if the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation
839 or association, a three-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the
840 applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no
841 more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are
842 donated, no fee.

843 Sec. 11. Section 19a-422 of the general statutes is repealed and the
844 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

845 To be eligible for the issuance or renewal of a youth camp license
846 pursuant to this chapter, the camp shall satisfy the following
847 requirements: (1) The location of the camp shall be such as to provide
848 adequate surface drainage and afford facilities for obtaining a good
849 water supply; (2) each dwelling unit, building and structure shall be
850 maintained in good condition, suitable for the use to which it is put,
851 and shall present no health or fire hazard as so certified by the
852 [department] office and the State Fire Marshal or local fire marshal, as
853 indicated by a current fire marshal certificate dated within the past
854 year and available on site when the youth camp is in operation; (3)
855 there shall be an adequate and competent staff, which includes the
856 camp director or assistant director, one of whom shall be on site at all
857 times the camp is in operation, activities specialists, counselors and
858 maintenance personnel, of good character and reputation; (4) prior to
859 assuming responsibility for campers, staff shall be trained, at a
860 minimum, on the camp's policies and procedures pertaining to
861 behavioral management and supervision, emergency health and safety
862 procedures and recognizing, preventing and reporting child abuse and
863 neglect; (5) all hazardous activities, including, but not limited to,
864 archery, aquatics, horseback riding and firearms instruction, shall be
865 supervised by a qualified activities specialist who has adequate
866 experience and training in such specialist's area of specialty; (6) the
867 staff of a resident and nonresident camp shall at all times include an
868 adult trained in the administration of first aid as required by the
869 [commissioner] executive director; (7) records of personal data for each
870 camper shall be kept in any reasonable form the camp director may
871 choose, and shall include (A) the camper's name, age and address, (B)
872 the name, address and telephone number of the parents or guardian,
873 (C) the dates of admission and discharge, and (D) such other
874 information as the [commissioner] executive director shall require.
875 Any youth camp licensed under this chapter shall operate only as the
876 type of camp authorized by such license. Such camps shall not
877 advertise any service they are not equipped or licensed to offer. The
878 license shall be posted in a conspicuous place at camp headquarters

879 and failure to so post the license shall result in the presumption that
880 the camp is being operated in violation of this chapter.

881 Sec. 12. Section 19a-423 of the general statutes is repealed and the
882 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

883 (a) The [commissioner] executive director may take any of the
884 actions authorized under subsection (b) of this section if the youth
885 camp licensee: (1) Is convicted of any offense involving moral
886 turpitude, the record of conviction being conclusive evidence thereof;
887 (2) is legally adjudicated insane or mentally incompetent, the record of
888 such adjudication being conclusive evidence thereof; (3) uses any
889 narcotic or any controlled drug, as defined in section 21a-240, to an
890 extent or in a manner that such use impairs the licensee's ability to
891 properly care for children; (4) fails to comply with the statutes and
892 regulations for licensing youth camps; (5) furnishes or makes any
893 misleading or any false statement or report to the [department] office;
894 (6) refuses to submit to the [department] office any reports or refuses
895 to make available to the [department] office any records required by it
896 in investigating the facility for licensing purposes; (7) fails or refuses to
897 submit to an investigation or inspection by the [department] office or
898 to admit authorized representatives of the [department] office at any
899 reasonable time for the purpose of investigation, inspection or
900 licensing; (8) fails to provide, maintain, equip and keep in safe and
901 sanitary condition premises established for or used by the campers
902 pursuant to minimum standards prescribed by the [department] office
903 or by ordinances or regulations applicable to the location of such
904 facility; or (9) wilfully or deliberately violates any of the provisions of
905 this chapter.

906 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director, after a
907 contested case hearing held in accordance with the provisions of
908 chapter 54, may take any of the following actions, singly or in
909 combination, in any case in which the [commissioner] executive
910 director finds that there has been a substantial failure to comply with

911 the requirements established under sections 19a-420 to 19a-428,
912 inclusive, as amended by this act, the Public Health Code or
913 regulations adopted pursuant to section 19a-428, as amended by this
914 act: (1) Revoke a license; (2) suspend a license; (3) impose a civil
915 penalty of not more than one hundred dollars per violation for each
916 day of occurrence; (4) place a licensee on probationary status and
917 require such licensee to report regularly to the [department] office on
918 the matters that are the basis of the probation; (5) restrict the
919 acquisition of other facilities for a period of time set by the
920 [commissioner] executive director; or (6) impose limitations on a
921 license.

922 (c) The [commissioner] executive director shall notify the licensee, in
923 writing, of the [commissioner's] executive director's intention to
924 suspend or revoke the license or to impose a licensure action. The
925 licensee may, if aggrieved by such intended action, make application
926 for a hearing, in writing, over the licensee's signature to the
927 [commissioner] executive director. The licensee shall state in the
928 application in plain language the reasons why the licensee claims to be
929 aggrieved. The application shall be delivered to the [commissioner]
930 executive director not later than thirty days after the licensee's receipt
931 of notification of the intended action.

932 (d) The [commissioner] executive director shall hold a hearing not
933 later than sixty days after receipt of such application and shall, at least
934 ten days prior to the date of such hearing, mail a notice, giving the
935 time and place of the hearing, to the licensee. The hearing may be
936 conducted by the [commissioner] executive director or by a hearing
937 officer appointed by the [commissioner] executive director, in writing.
938 The licensee and the [commissioner] executive director or hearing
939 officer may issue subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses. The
940 licensee shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and a transcript
941 of the hearing shall be made. If the hearing is conducted by a hearing
942 officer, the hearing officer shall state the hearing officer's findings and
943 make a recommendation to the [commissioner] executive director on

944 the issue of revocation or suspension or the intended licensure action.

945 (e) The [commissioner] executive director, based upon the findings
946 and recommendation of the hearing officer, or after a hearing
947 conducted by the [commissioner] executive director, shall render the
948 [commissioner's] executive director's decision, in writing, suspending,
949 revoking or continuing the license or regarding the intended licensure
950 action. A copy of the decision shall be sent by certified mail to the
951 licensee. The decision revoking or suspending the license or a decision
952 imposing a licensure action shall become effective thirty days after it is
953 mailed by registered or certified mail to the licensee. A licensee
954 aggrieved by the decision of the [commissioner] executive director
955 may appeal in the same manner as provided in section 19a-85.

956 (f) The provisions of subsections (c) to (e), inclusive, of this section
957 shall not apply to the denial of an initial application for a license under
958 section 19a-421, as amended by this act, provided the [commissioner]
959 executive director notifies the applicant of any such denial and the
960 reasons for such denial by mailing written notice to the applicant at the
961 applicant's address shown on the license application.

962 (g) If the [department] office determines that the health, safety or
963 welfare of a child or staff person at a youth camp requires imperative
964 emergency action by the [department] office to halt an activity being
965 provided at the camp, the [department] office may issue a cease and
966 desist order limiting the license and requiring the immediate cessation
967 of the activity. The [department] office shall provide the licensee with
968 an opportunity for a hearing regarding the issuance of a cease and
969 desist order. Such hearing shall be held not later than ten business
970 days after the date of issuance of the order. Upon receipt of such order,
971 the licensee shall cease providing the activity and provide immediate
972 notification to staff and the parents of all children attending the camp
973 that such activity has ceased at the camp until such time as the cease
974 and desist order is dissolved by the [department] office.

975 Sec. 13. Section 19a-424 of the general statutes is repealed and the
976 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

977 Any licensee aggrieved by the action of the [commissioner]
978 executive director in suspending or revoking any license under the
979 provisions of this chapter may appeal therefrom in accordance with
980 the provisions of section 4-183.

981 Sec. 14. Section 19a-425 of the general statutes is repealed and the
982 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

983 Any person who establishes, conducts or maintains a youth camp
984 without a license as required by this chapter for a first offense shall be
985 subject to a civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars, and
986 for a second or subsequent offense shall be subject to a civil penalty of
987 not more than one thousand five hundred dollars, and each day
988 during which a youth camp is conducted or maintained without a
989 license, after notification to such person by the [commissioner]
990 executive director, shall constitute a separate offense. The
991 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director may apply to the
992 superior court for the judicial district of Hartford, or for the judicial
993 district where the defendant named in such application resides, for an
994 injunction to restrain the operation or maintenance of a youth camp by
995 any person other than a licensed operator. The application for such
996 injunction or the issuance of the same shall be in addition to and shall
997 not relieve any such person from the imposition of a civil penalty
998 under this section. In connection with any such application for an
999 injunction, it shall not be necessary to prove that an adequate remedy
1000 at law does not exist.

1001 Sec. 15. Section 19a-426 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1002 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1003 The [Department of Public Health] office shall inspect or cause to be
1004 inspected the facilities to be operated by an applicant for an original
1005 license before the license shall be granted, and shall annually thereafter

1006 inspect or cause to be inspected the facilities of all licensees. No annual
1007 inspection shall be required under this section in the case of facilities of
1008 a licensee located in any dormitory, classroom or other building or any
1009 athletic facility owned and maintained by any college or university,
1010 provided a timely safety inspection of such building or facility,
1011 satisfactory to the [department] office, is conducted by or on behalf of
1012 such college or university.

1013 Sec. 16. Section 19a-427 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1014 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1015 The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director is
1016 authorized to accept, on behalf of the state, any grants of federal or
1017 private funds made available for any purposes consistent with the
1018 provisions of this chapter. The [commissioner] executive director, with
1019 the approval of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,
1020 may direct the disposition of any such grants so accepted in
1021 conformity with the terms and conditions under which given.

1022 Sec. 17. Section 19a-428 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1023 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1024 (a) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
1025 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
1026 relating to the safe operation of youth camps, including, but not
1027 limited to, personnel qualifications for director and staff; ratio of staff
1028 to campers; sanitation and public health; personal health, first aid and
1029 medical services; food handling, mass feeding and cleanliness; water
1030 supply and waste disposal; water safety, including use of lakes and
1031 rivers, swimming and boating equipment and practices, vehicle
1032 condition and operation; building and site design; equipment; and
1033 condition and density of use, as the [commissioner] executive director
1034 may deem necessary or desirable. Such regulations shall be construed
1035 to be minimum standards subject to the imposition and enforcement of
1036 higher standards by any town, city or borough.

1037 (b) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
1038 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
1039 allowing physical examinations or health status certifications required
1040 by youth camps prior to the date of arrival at youth camps to be made
1041 by a physician, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered
1042 nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 or a physician assistant licensed
1043 pursuant to chapter 370. Such regulations shall permit a physical
1044 examination that is required for school purposes to also be used to
1045 satisfy any such required youth camp examination or certification,
1046 subject to such conditions regarding the timeliness of such
1047 examination as the [commissioner] executive director deems
1048 appropriate.

1049 (c) The [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director shall
1050 adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, that
1051 specify conditions under which youth camp directors and staff may
1052 administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with diagnosed
1053 diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations, including
1054 controlled drugs specified in the regulations adopted by the
1055 [commissioner] executive director, to a child enrolled in a youth camp
1056 at such camp. The regulations shall require authorization pursuant to:
1057 (1) The written order of a physician licensed to practice medicine or a
1058 dentist licensed to practice dental medicine in this or another state, an
1059 advanced practice registered nurse licensed under chapter 378, a
1060 physician assistant licensed under chapter 370, a podiatrist licensed
1061 under chapter 375 or an optometrist licensed under chapter 380; and
1062 (2) the written authorization of a parent or guardian of such child.

1063 Sec. 18. Section 19a-429 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1064 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2014*):

1065 Any person having reasonable cause to believe that a youth camp,
1066 as defined in section 19a-420, as amended by this act, is operating
1067 without a current and valid license or in violation of regulations
1068 adopted under section 19a-428, as amended by this act, or in a manner

1069 which may pose a potential danger to the health, welfare and safety of
1070 a child receiving youth camp services, may report such information to
1071 the [Department of Public Health] office. The [department] office shall
1072 investigate any report or complaint received pursuant to this section.
1073 In connection with any investigation of a youth camp, the
1074 [Commissioner of Public Health] executive director or [said
1075 commissioner's] the executive director's authorized agent may
1076 administer oaths, issue subpoenas, compel testimony and order the
1077 production of books, records and documents. If any person refuses to
1078 appear, to testify or to produce any book, record or document when so
1079 ordered, a judge of the Superior Court may make such order as may be
1080 appropriate to aid in the enforcement of this section. The name of the
1081 person making the report or complaint shall not be disclosed unless (1)
1082 such person consents to such disclosure, (2) a judicial or administrative
1083 proceeding results therefrom, or (3) a license action pursuant to section
1084 19a-423, as amended by this act, results from such report or complaint.
1085 All records obtained by the [department] office in connection with any
1086 such investigation shall not be subject to the provisions of section 1-210
1087 for a period of thirty days from the date of the petition or other event
1088 initiating such investigation, or until such time as the investigation is
1089 terminated pursuant to a withdrawal or other informal disposition or
1090 until a hearing is convened pursuant to chapter 54, whichever is
1091 earlier. A formal statement of charges issued by the [department] office
1092 shall be subject to the provisions of section 1-210 from the time that it is
1093 served or mailed to the respondent. Records which are otherwise
1094 public records shall not be deemed confidential merely because they
1095 have been obtained in connection with an investigation under this
1096 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16p
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16q
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	10-16r

Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-80
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-87b
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-420
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-421
Sec. 11	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-422
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-423
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-424
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-425
Sec. 15	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-426
Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-427
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-428
Sec. 18	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	19a-429

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

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