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"AN ACT CONCERNING A STATE-WIDE SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS PROGRAM."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2014*) (a) Not later than January 1,
4 2015, the Department of Children and Families, in collaboration with
5 the Departments of Education and Social Services and Connecticut
6 Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc., or a similar entity, shall identify or
7 develop a state-wide sexual abuse and assault awareness program for
8 use by local and regional boards of education. Such program shall be
9 implemented in each local and regional school district and shall
10 include:

11 (1) For teachers, instructional modules that shall include training
12 regarding the prevention and identification of, and response to, child
13 sexual abuse and assault;

14 (2) For students, age-appropriate educational materials for grades

15 kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, regarding child sexual abuse and
16 assault that may include, but not be limited to, (A) warning signs that a
17 child victim of sexual abuse or assault may display, and (B) resources
18 to further student, teacher and parental education and outreach, which
19 materials the Department of Education shall make available on its
20 Internet web site; and

21 (3) A uniform child sexual abuse and assault response policy and
22 reporting procedure that may include, but not be limited to, (A)
23 actions that child victims of sexual abuse and assault may take to
24 obtain assistance, (B) intervention and counseling options for child
25 victims of sexual abuse and assault, (C) access to educational resources
26 to enable child victims of sexual abuse and assault to succeed in
27 school, and (D) uniform procedures for reporting instances of child
28 sexual abuse and assault to school staff members.

29 (b) Not later than July 1, 2015, each local and regional board of
30 education shall implement the sexual abuse and assault awareness
31 program identified or developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this
32 section.

33 (c) No student in grades kindergarten to five, inclusive, shall be
34 required by any local or regional board of education to participate in
35 the sexual abuse and assault awareness program offered within the
36 public schools. A written notification to the local or regional board of
37 education by the student's parent or legal guardian shall be sufficient
38 to exempt the student from such program in its entirety or from any
39 portion thereof so specified by the parent or legal guardian.

40 (d) If a student is exempted from the sexual abuse and assault
41 awareness program pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, the local
42 or regional board of education shall provide, during the period of time
43 in which the student would otherwise be participating in such
44 program, an opportunity for other study or academic work."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2014</i>	New section