



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 208

LCO No. 2897



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT CONCERNING PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT SAFETY STANDARDS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 21a-12a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 [(a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall develop a
4 training and education program on playground safety issues. Such
5 program may be presented annually. A representative from each
6 municipality in the state may participate in such program.]

7 [(b)] (a) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall adopt
8 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to develop standards for
9 playground equipment by June 30, [1995] 2016. Such regulations shall
10 include a [recommended] timetable under which playgrounds [may]
11 shall meet the guidelines of the regulations. Such regulations shall be
12 equivalent to the standards established by the [Handbook for] Public
13 Playground Safety Handbook produced by the United States
14 Consumer Product Safety Commission. The Commissioner of

15 Consumer Protection [may] shall issue a report, in accordance with
16 section 11-4a, concerning the status of playgrounds in Connecticut to
17 the [General Assembly] chairs of the joint standing committee of the
18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children on
19 or before [February 15, 1996] September 15, 2017, and biennially
20 thereafter.

21 (b) Not later than January 1, 2016, and annually thereafter, the
22 Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall notify municipalities of
23 the standards established by the Public Playground Safety Handbook
24 produced by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission,
25 and any changes made thereto.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | October 1, 2015 | 21a-12a |

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Consumer Protection to update the department's regulations relating to playground equipment so that they are equivalent to the standards established by the Public Playground Safety Handbook produced by the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission and to include a timetable under which all playgrounds in the state shall meet the guidelines of the regulations.

[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.]