



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 284**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5467

*House of Representatives, March 30, 2016*

The Committee on Education reported through REP. FLEISCHMANN of the 18th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RED RIBBON PASS PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2016*) The Department of  
2 Education shall establish a Red Ribbon PASS Program. The  
3 department shall develop or adopt existing standards to be used for  
4 the purpose of recognizing those local and regional school districts that  
5 qualify as a highly performing, physically active school system, or as  
6 an improving physically active school system. A local or regional  
7 board of education may submit, at such time and in such manner as  
8 the department prescribes, a request for such recognition by providing  
9 (1) the school district's results on the Connecticut physical fitness  
10 assessment, and (2) a demonstration of how the school district has  
11 satisfied the standards developed or adopted by the department. The  
12 department shall make information about the Red Ribbon PASS  
13 Program available on the department's Internet web site.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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***OFA Fiscal Note******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires the State Department of Education to develop or adopt a Red Ribbon PASS Program, does not result in a fiscal impact as the department has the staff and expertise necessary to do so.

***The Out Years******State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5467*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING A RED RIBBON PASS PROGRAM.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the State Department of Education (SDE) to establish a Red Ribbon PASS Program recognizing school districts that qualify as “highly performing” or “improving” physically active school systems (PASS).

Under the bill, SDE must (1) develop or adopt existing standards to use to recognize school districts under the Red Ribbon PASS Program and (2) make information about the program available on the department’s website.

The bill allows local or regional boards of education to request Red Ribbon PASS Program recognition by providing SDE with (1) the school district’s results on the Connecticut physical fitness assessment and (2) a demonstration of the district’s satisfaction of PASS standards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/14/2016)