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**"AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS AND ADDITIONS
TO THE EDUCATION STATUTES."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) There is established a task force to
4 study issues relating to the governance, financing, general conduct and
5 role of interscholastic athletics programs offered at high schools in the
6 state. Such study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of
7 the following: (1) Barriers to participation in sanctioned interscholastic
8 athletic activities, (2) the impact of nonsanctioned activities on
9 interscholastic sports participation, (3) financing of interscholastic
10 athletic teams, (4) policies regarding performance reviews of
11 interscholastic schools by school districts, (5) the length of the athletic
12 season for specific sports and restrictions on participation in
13 interscholastic athletics, (6) academic requirements for participation in
14 interscholastic athletics, (7) safety and sportsmanship of participants
15 and spectators, and (8) issues relating to the participation of students

16 enrolled in nonpublic schools and schools of choice.

17 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

18 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

19 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

20 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
21 Representatives, who is an official, referee or umpire of interscholastic
22 athletics;

23 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

24 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
25 Representatives, who is an athletic trainer for interscholastic sports;

26 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

27 (7) A representative of the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic
28 Conference;

29 (8) A representative of the Connecticut High School Coaches
30 Association; and

31 (9) A representative from the Connecticut Athletic Directors
32 Association.

33 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
34 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member
35 of the General Assembly.

36 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than
37 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be
38 filled by the appointing authority.

39 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
40 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force
41 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall

42 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not
43 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

44 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
46 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

47 (g) Not later than January 1, 2017, the task force shall submit a
48 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
49 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
50 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-
51 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date
52 that it submits such report or January 1, 2017, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section