



# House of Representatives

**File No. 647**

General Assembly

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**(Reprint of File No. 284)**

Substitute House Bill No. 5467  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
April 14, 2016

***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. The  
14 department may accept private donations for the purposes of this  
15 section.

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

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

| Agency Affected  | Fund-Effect       | FY 17 \$          | FY 18 \$          |
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| Education, Dept. | GF - Revenue Gain | Potential Minimal | Potential Minimal |

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill allows the State Department of Education (SDE) to accept private donations for the purposes of establishing a Red Ribbon Pass Program. This could result in a revenue gain. The scope of the revenue gain would be dependent on the donations being made, but is anticipated to be minimal. There is no cost associated with developing or adopting a Red Ribbon Pass Program, as the department has the staff and expertise necessary to do so.

House "A" allows the department to accept private donations for the purposes of establishing a Red Ribbon Pass Program, which results in the potential minimal revenue gain, detailed above.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to amount of donations being made, annually.

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5467 (as amended by House "A")\******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. SDE may accept private donations for this program.

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.

\*House Amendment “A” adds the provision allowing SDE to accept private donations for the Red Ribbon Pass Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2016

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/14/2016)