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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO INFORMATION REGARDING
THE SAFETY OF SPORTS HELMETS."**

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2018*) (a) The Department of Public
4 Health shall convene a working group to develop recommendations
5 for creating a system for rating the safety of youth athletic protective
6 headgear and for public disclosure of such protective headgear's safety
7 rating.

8 (b) The working group convened pursuant to subsection (a) of this
9 section shall include at least three members, one each of whom shall be
10 chosen by the Commissioners of Consumer Protection, Education and
11 Public Health, or their designees, and may include a representative
12 from the Connecticut Athletic Trainers' Association, the Brain Injury
13 Alliance of Connecticut, the Connecticut Nurses' Association, the

14 Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, the Parents Concussion
 15 Coalition or a helmet manufacturer, a chiropractor licensed under
 16 chapter 372 of the general statutes, an orthopedic sports physician or
 17 any other member the Department of Public Health deems necessary
 18 and relevant to carrying out the working group's duties under this
 19 section. All appointments to the working group shall be made not later
 20 than thirty days after the effective date of this section.

21 (c) The working group shall recommend, based on performance
 22 standards for youth athletic protective headgear, the data that should
 23 be collected for purposes of (1) developing a safety ratings system to
 24 identify which youth athletic protective headgear best protects against
 25 head injury, and (2) determining the best way to make such safety
 26 ratings available to the public to allow consumers to easily compare
 27 overall performance amongst different models of youth protective
 28 headgear.

29 (d) On or before January 1, 2019, the working group shall report, in
 30 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
 31 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
 32 cognizance of matters relating to public health, education, children and
 33 consumer protection regarding its findings and recommendations."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	New section