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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 17

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"AN ACT CONCERNING PROCEDURES RELATED TO COLLECTING AND PROCESSING SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS."

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- 1 In line 11, insert an opening bracket before "Sexual" and a closing
2 bracket after "Inc." and after the closing bracket, insert "Alliance to End
3 Sexual Violence"
- 4 In line 38, strike "(A)"
- 5 In line 41, strike ", and (B) require a health care facility that"
- 6 Strike lines 42 to 44, inclusive, in their entirety
- 7 In line 45, strike "such health care facility and consents to such
8 contact"
- 9 In line 76, after "section" insert ", contact a sexual assault counselor,
10 as defined in section 52-146k, when a person who identifies himself or
11 herself as a victim of sexual assault arrives at such health care facility"

12 In line 104, after the period insert "The failure of any person to
13 comply with this section or the protocol shall not affect the
14 admissibility of the evidence in any suit, action or proceeding if the
15 evidence is otherwise admissible."

16 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
17 internal references accordingly:

18 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101q of the general statutes is
19 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
20 *1, 2018*):

21 (a) Not later than July 1, 2016, the Department of Children and
22 Families, in collaboration with the Department of Education and
23 Connecticut [Sexual Assault Crisis Services, Inc.] Alliance to End
24 Sexual Violence, or a similar entity, shall identify or develop a state-
25 wide sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program for
26 use by local and regional boards of education. Such program shall be
27 implemented in each local and regional school district and shall
28 include:

29 (1) For teachers, instructional modules that may include, but not be
30 limited to, (A) training regarding the prevention and identification of,
31 and response to, child sexual abuse and assault, and (B) resources to
32 further student, teacher and parental awareness regarding child sexual
33 abuse and assault and the prevention of such abuse and assault;

34 (2) For students, age-appropriate educational materials designed for
35 children in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive, regarding child
36 sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention that may include,
37 but not be limited to, (A) the skills to recognize (i) child sexual abuse
38 and assault, (ii) boundary violations and unwanted forms of touching
39 and contact, and (iii) ways offenders groom or desensitize victims, and
40 (B) strategies to (i) promote disclosure, (ii) reduce self-blame, and (iii)
41 mobilize bystanders; and

42 (3) A uniform child sexual abuse and assault response policy and

43 reporting procedure that may include, but not be limited to, (A)
44 actions that child victims of sexual abuse and assault may take to
45 obtain assistance, (B) intervention and counseling options for child
46 victims of sexual abuse and assault, (C) access to educational resources
47 to enable child victims of sexual abuse and assault to succeed in
48 school, and (D) uniform procedures for reporting instances of child
49 sexual abuse and assault to school staff members.

50 Sec. 502. Subsection (a) of section 19a-112f of the 2018 supplement to
51 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
52 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

53 (a) There is established a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners
54 Advisory Committee consisting of the following: (1) The Chief Court
55 Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; (2) the
56 Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee; (3) the
57 Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; (4) a
58 representative from the Division of Scientific Services, appointed by
59 the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection; (5) a
60 representative from the Division of State Police appointed by the
61 Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection; (6) the
62 Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's designee; (7) the president
63 of the Connecticut Hospital Association, or the president's designee;
64 (8) the president of the Connecticut College of Emergency Physicians,
65 or the president's designee; (9) one member from Connecticut [Sexual
66 Assault Crisis Services, Inc.] Alliance to End Sexual Violence,
67 appointed by its board of directors; (10) one member from the
68 Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, appointed by the association;
69 (11) one member from the Connecticut Emergency Nurses Association,
70 appointed by the association; and (12) one member from the
71 Connecticut Chapter of the International Association of Forensic
72 Nurses, appointed by the association."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	17a-101q(a)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2018</i>	19a-112f(a)