

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 363**

LCO No. 3027

**AN ACT CONCERNING A DEFINITION OF IMMUNIZATION RECORDS  
ABSENCE AND ITS EXCLUSION FROM THE CALCULATION OF A  
SCHOOL OR DISTRICT'S CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM RATE.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-198b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

3 On or before July 1, 2012, the State Board of Education shall define  
4 "excused absence" and "unexcused absence", [and] on or before  
5 January 1, 2016, the State Board of Education shall define "disciplinary  
6 absence" [for use by local] and on or before July 1, 2019, the State Board  
7 of Education shall define "immunization records absence" related to  
8 the failure or inability of a parent or guardian to submit a child's  
9 immunization records to a local or regional board of education in  
10 violation of section 10-204a. Local and regional boards of education  
11 shall use such definitions for the [purposes] purpose of carrying out  
12 the provisions of section 10-198a, reporting truancy, pursuant to  
13 subsection (c) of section 10-220, and calculating the district chronic  
14 absenteeism rate and the school chronic absenteeism rate pursuant to  
15 section 10-198c, as amended by this act.

16 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-198c of the 2018 supplement to  
17 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
18 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

19 (a) As used in this section:

20 (1) "Chronically absent child" means a child who is enrolled in a  
21 school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education  
22 and whose total number of absences at any time during a school year  
23 is equal to or greater than ten per cent of the total number of days that  
24 such student has been enrolled at such school during such school year;

25 (2) "Absence" means an excused absence, unexcused absence or  
26 disciplinary absence, as those terms are defined by the State Board of  
27 Education pursuant to section 10-198b, as amended by this act.  
28 "Absence" does not include an immunization records absence, as  
29 defined by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-198b, as  
30 amended by this act;

31 (3) "District chronic absenteeism rate" means the total number of  
32 chronically absent children under the jurisdiction of a local or regional  
33 board of education in the previous school year divided by the total  
34 number of children under the jurisdiction of such board for such  
35 school year; and

36 (4) "School chronic absenteeism rate" means the total number of  
37 chronically absent children for a school in the previous school year  
38 divided by the total number of children enrolled in such school for  
39 such school year.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2018	10-198b
Sec. 2	July 1, 2018	10-198c(a)