
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 7110

AN ACT CONCERNING RESOURCES TO ASSIST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN IMPROVING SCHOOL CLIMATE.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the State Department of Education (SDE) to develop and disseminate, within available appropriations, strategies to help local and regional boards of education with the following efforts: reducing incidents of school violence, promoting trauma sensitivity in schools, and enhancing their safe school climate plans. By law, local and regional boards of education must develop and implement safe school climate plans to address the existence of bullying and teen dating violence in their schools.

The bill also allows SDE to make available to alliance districts, within available appropriations, resources to promote systemic school climate improvement through training, strategies for connecting youth to appropriate services, and fostering trauma-sensitive school communities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019

BACKGROUND

Alliance Districts

Alliance districts are the 30 districts in the state with the lowest accountability index scores (CGS § 10-262u). Calculated by SDE, these scores take into account mastery test scores and high school graduation rates, and they may include academic growth over time, attendance, and postsecondary education and career readiness, among other things (CGS § 10-223e).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference - APP
Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/25/2019)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 48 Nay 0 (05/02/2019)