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**Committee Bill No. 6997**

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION  
CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AND RESOURCES  
TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than January 1,  
2 2020, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of  
3 Victim Services within the Judicial Department and the Connecticut  
4 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, shall publish information  
5 concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic  
6 violence on the Internet web site of the Department of Education. Such  
7 information shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) referrals  
8 available to counseling and supportive services, including, but not  
9 limited to, the Safe at Home program administered by the Office of the  
10 Secretary of the State, shelter services, medical services, domestic  
11 abuse hotlines, legal counseling and advocacy, mental health care and  
12 financial assistance, and (2) procedures to voluntarily and  
13 confidentially identify eligibility for referrals to such counseling and  
14 supportive services. The department shall annually review such  
15 information and revise it as necessary.

16 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2020, and each school  
17 year thereafter, the Department of Education shall disseminate the  
18 information published pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to each  
19 local and regional board of education. Each local and regional board of  
20 education shall require the provision of such information to any (1)  
21 student or parent or guardian of a student who expresses to a school  
22 employee, as defined in section 10-222d of the general statutes, that  
23 such student or parent or guardian or a person residing with such  
24 student or parent or guardian does not feel safe at home due to  
25 domestic violence, and (2) parent or guardian of a student who  
26 authorizes the transfer of such student's education records to another  
27 school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

**KID** Joint Favorable