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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE INCLUSION OF CAMERA, COMPUTER
AND CELLULAR MOBILE TELEPHONE REPAIR PERSONNEL AS
MANDATED REPORTERS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) The public policy of this state is: To protect children whose
4 health and welfare may be adversely affected through injury and
5 neglect; to strengthen the family and to make the home safe for
6 children by enhancing the parental capacity for good child care; to
7 provide a temporary or permanent nurturing and safe environment for
8 children when necessary; and for these purposes to require the
9 reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect, investigation of such
10 reports by a social agency, and provision of services, where needed, to
11 such child and family.

12 (b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any
13 physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2)

14 any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether
15 or not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical
16 nurse, (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental
17 hygienist, (8) any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in
18 section 53a-65, (10) any social worker, (11) any person who holds or is
19 issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of
20 intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or
21 older, (12) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of
22 youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any
23 individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth
24 sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or
25 older, (14) any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director,
26 athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private
27 institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older,
28 excluding student employees, (15) any police officer, (16) any juvenile
29 or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or adult parole officer, (18)
30 any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist, (20) any physical
31 therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor, (23) any
32 podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any physician
33 assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified emergency
34 medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed or
35 certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a licensed
36 marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual assault
37 counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-
38 146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31) any
39 person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care for
40 a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child
41 care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any
42 employee of the Department of Children and Families, (34) any
43 employee of the Department of Public Health, (35) any employee of the
44 Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child
45 care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes or youth
46 camps, (36) any paid youth camp director or assistant director, (37) the
47 Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate,
48 (38) any person who is a licensed behavior analyst, [and] (39) any

49 family relations counselor, family relations counselor trainee or family
50 services supervisor employed by the Judicial Department, and (40) any
51 person employed to repair a camera, computer or cellular mobile
52 telephone who is eighteen years of age or older.

53 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop an
54 educational training program and refresher training program for the
55 accurate and prompt identification and reporting of child abuse and
56 neglect. Such training program and refresher training program shall be
57 made available to all persons mandated to report child abuse and
58 neglect at various times and locations throughout the state as
59 determined by the Commissioner of Children and Families. Such
60 training program and refresher training program shall be provided in
61 accordance with the provisions of subsection (g) of section 17a-101i to
62 each school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, within available
63 appropriations.

64 (d) On or before October 1, 2011, the Department of Children and
65 Families, in consultation with the Department of Education, shall
66 develop a model mandated reporting policy for use by local and
67 regional boards of education. Such policy shall state applicable state
68 law regarding mandated reporting and any relevant information that
69 may assist school districts in the performance of mandated reporting.
70 Such policy shall include, but not be limited to, the following
71 information: (1) Those persons employed by the local or regional board
72 of education who are required pursuant to this section to be mandated
73 reporters, (2) the type of information that is to be reported, (3) the time
74 frame for both written and verbal mandated reports, (4) a statement
75 that the school district may conduct its own investigation into an
76 allegation of abuse or neglect by a school employee, provided such
77 investigation does not impede an investigation by the Department of
78 Children and Families, and (5) a statement that retaliation against
79 mandated reporters is prohibited. Such policy shall be updated and
80 revised as necessary.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	17a-101
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Statement of Purpose:

To make camera, computer and cellular mobile telephone repair personnel who are eighteen years of age or older mandated reporters of child abuse and neglect.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]