AN ACT CONCERNING A COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUNSELOR PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2019) Not later than January 1, 2020, the State Board of Education, in collaboration with the Connecticut School Counselor Association, shall adopt guidelines for a comprehensive school counseling program. Such guidelines shall ensure that all students have access to a comprehensive school counseling program that provides academic, social-emotional and post-secondary and career readiness programming by a certified school counselor with adequate training. The state board shall make the guidelines available to local and regional boards of education and published on the Internet web site of the Department of Education.

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

| Section 1 | July 1, 2019 | New section |

LCO No. 4738
**Statement of Purpose:**
To require the State Board of Education to adopt guidelines for a comprehensive school counselor program.

[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.]