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***Raised Bill No. 5333***

LCO No. 2224



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2020*) (a) For the school year  
2 commencing July 1, 2020, and biennially thereafter, the Department of  
3 Public Health shall administer the Connecticut School Health Survey to  
4 high school students in the state. The survey shall be based on the Youth  
5 Risk Behavior Survey developed by the National Centers for Disease  
6 Control and Prevention. The department shall randomly select the high  
7 schools that shall participate in the survey in any school year. The  
8 department shall provide guidance to the local or regional board of  
9 education for each high school selected to participate in the survey  
10 relating to (1) best practices for administering the survey, (2) the  
11 timeframe for completion of the survey, and (3) the process by which  
12 the results of such survey are to be submitted to the department.

13 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
14 Health and Addiction Services, the Office of Early Childhood, the  
15 Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education and

16 any other agency or public interest group the department deems  
17 necessary, may develop survey questions that are relevant to the health  
18 concerns of high school students in the state that shall be included as  
19 part of the Connecticut School Health Survey.

20 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2020*) Not later than October 1, 2020, the Child  
21 Advocate, in consultation with the Department of Public Health, shall  
22 develop questions designed to assess the risk of youths being victims of  
23 sexual assault or misconduct by an adult. Such questions shall be  
24 included as part of the Connecticut School Health Survey administered  
25 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2020</i>	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require (1) the Department of Public Health to administer the national Youth Risk Behavior Survey, (2) high schools to participate in the survey, if selected, and (3) the Child Advocate to develop questions assessing the risk to youths of being victims of sexual assault or misconduct by an adult.

*[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.]*