AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PILOT PROGRAM.

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

Section 1. (Effective from passage) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, the Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate, in conjunction with the Youth Suicide Advisory Board established pursuant to section 17a-52 of the general statutes, shall jointly administer, within available appropriations, an evidence-based youth suicide prevention pilot program. The pilot program shall provide youth suicide prevention training to the following employee groups: (1) School employees, as defined in section 10-222d of the general statutes, (2) employees of youth service bureaus, (3) employees of youth-serving organizations, (4) employees of operators of youth athletic activities, as defined in section 21a-432 of the general statutes, or (5) employees of municipal social service agencies. Such training shall be provided to not less than twenty separate employee groups in the state. With respect to school employees, such training may be included as part of an in-service training program provided pursuant to section 10-220a of the general statutes. The Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate shall jointly develop criteria for selecting the employee groups that will receive training under the pilot program, provided such criteria includes a provision that gives priority to those employee groups that serve residents of a municipality in which a youth suicide has occurred in the previous five-year period. The Department of Children and Families and the Office of the Child Advocate may contract with a nongovernmental entity that
24 provides evidence-based suicide prevention training to carry out the
25 provisions of this section. The Department of Children and Families and
26 the Office of the Child Advocate may accept gifts, grants and donations
27 from any source, public or private, for the purposes of administering the
28 pilot program.

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