



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6111

LCO No. 2631



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June 30,
2 2022, the Youth Suicide Advisory board established pursuant to section
3 17a-52 of the general statutes and the Office of the Child Advocate, shall,
4 within available appropriations, jointly administer an evidence-based
5 youth suicide prevention pilot program. The pilot program shall
6 provide youth suicide prevention training to the following employee
7 groups: (1) School employees, as defined in section 10-222d of the
8 general statutes, (2) employees of youth service bureaus, (3) employees
9 of youth-serving organizations, (4) employees of operators of youth
10 athletic activities, as defined in section 21a-432 of the general statutes,
11 and (5) employees of municipal social service agencies. Such training
12 shall be provided to not less than twenty separate employee groups in
13 the state. With respect to school employees, such training may be
14 included as part of an in-service training program provided pursuant to
15 section 10-220a of the general statutes.

16 (b) The Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child
17 Advocate shall jointly develop criteria for selecting the employee
18 groups that will receive training under the pilot program, provided such
19 criteria includes a provision that gives priority to those employee
20 groups that serve residents of a municipality in which a youth suicide
21 has occurred in the previous five-year period.

22 (c) The Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child
23 Advocate may contract with a nongovernmental entity that provides
24 evidence-based suicide prevention training to carry out the provisions
25 of this section.

26 (d) The Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child
27 Advocate may accept gifts, grants and donations from any source,
28 public or private, for the purposes of administering the pilot program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child Advocate to establish a youth suicide prevention pilot 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.]