



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6111

January Session, 2021



AN ACT ESTABLISHING A YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2021*) (a) The Youth Suicide
2 Advisory Board, established pursuant to section 17a-52 of the general
3 statutes, and the Office of the Child Advocate, shall jointly administer
4 an evidence-based youth suicide prevention training program in each
5 district department of health formed pursuant to section 19a-241 of the
6 general statutes. The training program shall provide certification in QPR
7 Institute Gatekeeper Training, utilizing a training model that will enable
8 participants to provide QPR Institute Gatekeeper Training to other
9 individuals upon completion of the training program. Such training
10 program shall be offered not later than July 1, 2022, and at least once
11 every three years thereafter.

12 (b) The director of health for each district department of health shall
13 determine the eligibility criteria for participation in the youth suicide
14 prevention training program. Participants shall be members of the
15 following groups within such district: (1) Employees of such health
16 department, (2) employees of youth service bureaus, (3) school
17 employees, as defined in section 10-222d of the general statutes, (4)
18 employees and volunteers of youth-serving organizations, (5)

19 employees and volunteers of operators of youth athletic activities, as
20 defined in section 21a-432 of the general statutes, (6) employees of
21 municipal social service agencies, (7) members of paid municipal or
22 volunteer fire departments, and (8) members of local police
23 departments. With respect to school employees, such training program
24 may be included as part of an in-service training program provided
25 pursuant to section 10-220a of the general statutes.

26 (c) Any individual who has received certification in QPR Institute
27 Gatekeeper Training through the training program administered
28 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section may, during the period in
29 which such certification is valid, provide QPR Institute Gatekeeper
30 Training to any member of a group described in subdivisions (1) to (8),
31 inclusive, of subsection (b) of this section and members of the public.

32 (d) The Youth Suicide Advisory Board and the Office of the Child
33 Advocate may contract with a nongovernmental entity that provides
34 evidence-based suicide prevention training to carry out the provisions
35 of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2021	New section

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