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**Raised Bill No. 6113**

LCO No. 2626



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION  
CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Operator" has the same meaning as provided in section 21a-432  
3 of the general statutes;
- 4 (2) "Youth athletic activity" has the same meaning as provided in  
5 section 21a-432 of the general statutes;
- 6 (3) "Youth camp" has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-  
7 420 of the general statutes; and
- 8 (4) "Youth coach" means any person who (A) holds or is issued a  
9 coaching permit by the State Board of Education, or (B) volunteers or is  
10 paid to act as a head coach, manager or instructor or an assistant coach,  
11 assistant manager or assistant instructor of a youth athletic activity.
- 12 (b) (1) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Department of Children  
13 and Families, in collaboration with a national association of adult

14 survivors of child abuse, shall (A) develop guidelines that provide  
15 instruction and best practices to youth coaches concerning ways to  
16 appropriately interact with youth athletes, and (B) make such guidelines  
17 available on the department's Internet web site.

18 (2) Not later than January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, each  
19 operator shall distribute a copy of the guidelines developed pursuant to  
20 subdivision (1) of this subsection to each youth coach for such operator.  
21 Such distribution may occur by electronic mail.

22 (c) (1) Not later than December 1, 2021, the Department of Children  
23 and Families, in collaboration with a national association of adult  
24 survivors of child abuse, shall (A) develop guidelines that describe (i)  
25 the stages of grooming typically employed by those who engage in child  
26 sexual abuse, (ii) behaviors that victims of child sexual abuse may  
27 engage in or exhibit as the result of such sexual abuse, (iii) for victims of  
28 child sexual abuse, how to tell a parent or other adult that such sexual  
29 abuse has occurred, and (iv) how to contact the appropriate authorities  
30 if child sexual abuse has occurred, and (B) make such guidelines  
31 available on the department's Internet web site.

32 (2) On and after January 1, 2022, upon the enrollment or registration  
33 of any participant in a youth athletic activity, each operator shall  
34 distribute a copy of the guidelines developed pursuant to subdivision  
35 (1) of this subsection to the parent or guardian of such participant. Such  
36 distribution may occur by electronic mail.

37 (3) On and after January 1, 2022, upon the enrollment or registration  
38 of any child in a youth camp, the licensee of such youth camp shall  
39 distribute a copy of the guidelines developed pursuant to subdivision  
40 (1) of this subsection to the parent or guardian of such child. Such  
41 distribution may occur by electronic mail.

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 Department of Children and Families to develop, and operators of youth athletic activities and licensees of youth camps to distribute, information concerning appropriate interactions with children and child sexual abuse.

*[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.]*