
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 205

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN CONNECTICUT.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the governor to proclaim May twenty-sixth of each year to be Get Outside and Play for Children's Mental Health Day to raise awareness about children's mental health and the positive effect that being outdoors has on children's mental health and wellness. Under the bill, suitable exercises must be held in the State Capitol and in the public schools on that day or, if that day is not a school day, on the previous school day, or on any day the local or regional school board prescribes.

The bill also requires the Department of Education, starting with the 2022-2023 school year, to provide annual notice to local and regional school boards about the designated day, including any suggestions or materials for suitable exercises that may be held to observe it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the notice requirement is effective July 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)