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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 454**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), starting with the 2022-23 school year, to biennially administer the Connecticut School Health Survey to students in grades nine through 12 if the department receives funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for that purpose.

Under the bill, the survey must be based on the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (see BACKGROUND) and administered in the high schools the CDC randomly selects. The bill requires DPH to provide local and regional boards of education with guidelines on the survey's administration and requires the boards to administer the survey according to these guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

#### **DPH GUIDELINES**

Under the bill, the DPH guidelines must include the following:

1. CDC survey protocol,
2. the manner by which parents are given the opportunity to exclude their children from the survey,
3. a requirement that the survey be anonymous and administered in a way that protects student privacy,
4. the timeframe for completing the survey, and
5. the process for submitting survey results to the department.

**BACKGROUND**

***CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey***

Under existing agency practice, DPH biennially conducts the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey, administered in Connecticut as the Connecticut School Health Survey, with funding provided through a cooperative agreement with the CDC. The survey is sponsored and designed by the CDC. The CDC randomly selects approximately 50 high schools that are a representative sample of public high school students. DPH staff obtain permission from the CDC-selected schools to conduct the survey.

***Related Bill***

sHB 5243, §§ 1-4, voted favorably by the Children Committee, contains similar provisions.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 1 (03/23/2022)