
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1054

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SUMMER CAMPS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes an 11-member Youth Advisory Council on Summer Camps, within the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), to advise the commissioner on summer camps-related matters.

The commissioner must (1) schedule the council's first meeting, which must be held by September 15, 2023; (2) meet with the council at least annually; and (3) provide staff to serve as the council's administrative staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SUMMER CAMPS

Membership and Appointments

Under the bill, the council's 11 members must serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

1. one representative of the Connecticut Camping Association, appointed by the House speaker;
2. one representative of the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, appointed by the Senate president;
3. two representatives from nonprofit youth service organizations in the state, one each appointed by the House and Senate majority leaders;
4. one nonprofit day camp representative, appointed by the House minority leader;

5. one nonprofit resident camp representative, appointed by the Senate minority leader;
6. two representatives from for-profit day camps, one each appointed by the Children's Committee House and Senate chairpersons;
7. one representative each from a sports camp and an independent school camp, both appointed by the governor; and
8. a representative of a university that hosts or conducts a summer camp, appointed by the OEC commissioner.

The commissioner may also appoint more members, based on their expertise in the field, to fill the council's needs.

Appointing authorities must make their appointments by September 1, 2023, and fill any vacancies.

Any member who misses 50% of all meetings held during any calendar year is deemed to have resigned from the council.

Meetings

The advisory council's members must elect its chairpersons from among the members at the first meeting. Each year after, the council must elect its own chairperson and other necessary officers.

The council must meet at least once each calendar quarter and any other time the chairperson considers necessary or at the request of a majority of members.

A majority of the members, but not less than 10, is a quorum.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)