

Committee on Children JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1054

AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE YOUTH CAMP SAFETY

Title: ADVISORY COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

Vote Date: 3/2/2023

Vote Action: Joint Favorable Substitute

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Committee on Children.

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill adds two additional members who represent private youth camps to the Youth Camp Safety Advisory Council within the Office of Early Childhood.

The bill which adds two representatives of private youth camps would expand councils within OEC and give different and dynamic representation to the private camps within our state.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

State of Connecticut Office of Early Childhood, Commissioner, Beth Bye, comments that this bill would add two "private camps" to any council in the OEC that advice on safety issues. Current members representant nonprofit, residential, for-profit, and special needs youth camps. OEC is happy to meet with committee and proponents.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

Youth Camp Advisory & Safety Council, Chair, Chris McNaboe, opposes this bill and reviews the history and the current successes his council has made so far. He adds and reminds that the current system is working well and has done so for over 40 years, so why change it?

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