



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6880

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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHERS AND PARAEDUCATORS."**

1 Strike section 3 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 3. Section 10-15c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
3 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

4 (a) The public schools shall be open to all children five years of age  
5 and over who reach age five on or before the first day of [January]  
6 September of any school year, and each such child shall have, and shall  
7 be so advised by the appropriate school authorities, an equal  
8 opportunity to participate in the activities, programs and courses of  
9 study offered in such public schools, at such time as the child becomes  
10 eligible to participate in such activities, programs and courses of study,  
11 without discrimination on account of race, as defined in section 46a-51,

12 color, sex, gender identity or expression, religion, national origin, sexual  
13 orientation or disability; provided [boards of education may, by vote at  
14 a meeting duly called, admit to any school children under five years of  
15 age] a child who has not reached the age of five on or before the first day  
16 of September of the school year may be admitted upon (1) a written  
17 request by the parent or guardian of such child to the principal of the  
18 school in which such child would be enrolled, and (2) a determination  
19 by such principal, made in consultation with the appropriate certified  
20 staff of such school and following a developmental screening of such  
21 child, that admitting such child would be developmentally appropriate.

22 (b) Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall be deemed to amend  
23 other provisions of the general statutes with respect to curricula,  
24 facilities or extracurricular activities."