



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5262**

February Session, 2024



**AN ACT CONCERNING A SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT SURVEY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-217h of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, and biennially  
4 thereafter, the Department of Public Health shall administer the  
5 Connecticut School Health Survey to students in grades nine to twelve,  
6 inclusive, provided the department receives funding from the federal  
7 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for such purpose. The  
8 survey shall be based on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey developed by  
9 the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The department  
10 shall provide guidelines to the local or regional board of education  
11 regarding the administration of the survey to those high schools selected  
12 at random by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
13 Such local or regional board of education shall administer the survey to  
14 each high school selected to participate in the survey in accordance with  
15 the guidelines provided by the department, including, but not limited  
16 to, (1) the survey protocol as required by the federal Centers for Disease  
17 Control and Prevention, (2) the requirement to provide parents the  
18 opportunity to exclude their children from the survey by denying  
19 permission in writing, on a form prescribed by the department, (3) the

20 requirement for the survey to be anonymous and administered in a  
21 manner designed to protect student privacy, (4) the timeframe for  
22 completion of the survey, and (5) the process by which the results of  
23 such survey are to be submitted to the department. On and after July 1,  
24 2026, each administration of the Connecticut School Health Survey shall  
25 include the sexual abuse and assault awareness prevention survey for  
26 administrators that was created as part of the state-wide sexual abuse  
27 and assault awareness and prevention program described in section  
28 17a-101q. Such survey for administrators shall be distributed to and  
29 completed by administrators of the school in which the Connecticut  
30 School Health Survey is being administered and the results of the  
31 administrators' surveys shall be submitted to the department at the  
32 same time as the results of the students' surveys.

33 (b) The department, in consultation with the Department of Mental  
34 Health and Addiction Services, the Department of Children and  
35 Families, the Department of Education and any other agency or public  
36 interest group the department deems necessary, may develop  
37 additional survey questions to be included as part of the Connecticut  
38 School Health Survey that are relevant to the health concerns of high  
39 school students in the state.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	10-217h

**ED**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*