
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5262

AN ACT CONCERNING A SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT SURVEY.

SUMMARY

Beginning July 1, 2026, this bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to include a sexual abuse and assault awareness prevention survey for high school administrators each time it administers the Connecticut School Health Survey. The bill requires each survey to be distributed to and completed by administrators. The administrator's survey results must be submitted to DPH at the same time as the student survey results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

BACKGROUND

Connecticut School Health Survey

By law, DPH must 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 it. This survey was created as part of the statewide sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention program and must be (1) based on the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey and (2) administered in high schools the CDC randomly selects.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 5 (03/05/2024)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 40 Nay 0 (04/01/2024)