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AN ACT CONCERNING INTERACTIONS BETWEEN SCHOOL PERSONNEL AND IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, THE PURCHASE AND OPERATION OF CERTAIN DRONES, GRANTS TO CERTAIN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND STUDENT ATHLETE COMPENSATION THROUGH ENDORSEMENT CONTRACTS AND REVENUE SHARING AGREEMENTS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than April 1,
2 2025, each (1) superintendent of schools for a school district, (2) regional
3 educational service center, (3) governing authority for a state charter
4 school, and (4) endowed or incorporated academy approved by the
5 State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general
6 statutes, shall designate at least one administrator at each school in the
7 school district or under the jurisdiction of the regional educational
8 service center or governing authority of the state charter school, to serve
9 as the individual responsible for interacting with a federal immigration

10 authority, as defined in section 54-192h of the general statutes, who
11 appears in person at the location of such school or otherwise contacts
12 the school to request information. In the course of interacting with a
13 federal immigration authority, the administrator shall implement the
14 protocols of the school security and safety plan, developed pursuant to
15 section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, relating
16 to interactions with a federal immigration authority.

17 (b) No local or regional board of education, regional educational
18 service center, governing authority for a state charter school or endowed
19 or incorporated academy shall discipline, suspend, terminate or
20 otherwise punish an employee or an administrator designated pursuant
21 to subsection (a) of this section for (1) implementing the protocols of the
22 school security and safety plan relating to interactions with a federal
23 immigration authority, or (2) taking any of the actions described in
24 subparagraphs (B)(ii) and (B)(iii) of subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of
25 section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, during
26 an interaction with a federal immigration authority.

27 Sec. 2. Section 10-222m of the general statutes is repealed and the
28 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

29 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school year
30 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall develop and
31 implement a school security and safety plan for each school under the
32 jurisdiction of such board. Such plans shall be based on (1) the school
33 security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of
34 Emergency Services and Public Protection, pursuant to section 10-222n,
35 and (2) on and after the effective date of this section, the Guidance to K-
36 12 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the
37 Department of Education on January 28, 2025. Each local and regional
38 board of education shall annually review and update, if necessary, such
39 plans.

40 (b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school

41 year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall
42 establish a school security and safety committee at each school under
43 the jurisdiction of such board. The school security and safety committee
44 shall be responsible for assisting in the development of the school
45 security and safety plan for the school and administering such plan.
46 Such school security and safety committee shall consist of a local police
47 officer, a local first responder, a teacher [and an administrator]
48 employed at the school, the administrator designated pursuant to
49 section 1 of this act, a mental health professional, as defined in section
50 10-76t, a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school and any
51 other person the board of education deems necessary. Any parent or
52 guardian serving as a member of a school security and safety committee
53 shall not have access to any information reported to such committee,
54 pursuant to subparagraph (c) of subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of
55 section 10-222k.

56 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, each local and
57 regional board of education shall update the school security and safety
58 plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board to include
59 protocols for interacting with a federal immigration authority, as
60 defined in section 54-192h, who appears in person at a school under the
61 jurisdiction of such board or otherwise contacts a school to request
62 information. Such protocols shall (A) be based on the Guidance to K-12
63 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the
64 Department of Education on January 28, 2025, and (B) include, at a
65 minimum, (i) the designation of at least one administrator at each school
66 to serve as the individual responsible for interacting with the federal
67 immigration authority, pursuant to section 1 of this act, (ii) provisions
68 that such administrator, or any other school employee, may (I) request
69 and record a federal immigration authority's identification, including
70 the name, badge or identification number, telephone number and
71 business card of such federal immigration authority, (II) ask such
72 federal immigration authority if such federal immigration authority is
73 in possession of a judicial warrant to support such federal immigration

74 authority's request and, if so, to produce such judicial warrant, (III)
75 review any warrant or other materials that such federal immigration
76 authority produces to determine who issued such warrant and what
77 such warrant or other material authorizes such federal immigration
78 authority to do, and (IV) consult with legal counsel for the school
79 district, or guidance developed by such legal counsel, on how to interact
80 with such federal immigration authority with regards to the nature of
81 the request, whether a warrant is produced, the details of any such
82 warrant, whether such warrant is a judicial warrant or an administrative
83 warrant, whether such federal immigration authority is claiming
84 exigent circumstances, and any other consideration identified by such
85 legal counsel, and (iii) permit other school personnel to direct such
86 federal immigration authority who requests access to any records,
87 information, the interior of the school building or other school personnel
88 to communicate with the administrator designated to interact with such
89 federal immigration authority.

90 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall annually submit
91 the school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction
92 of such board, developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to
93 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

94 Sec. 3. Section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by section
95 63 of public act 23-167, is repealed and the following is substituted in
96 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

97 (a) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school year
98 thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall develop and
99 implement a school security and safety plan for each school under the
100 jurisdiction of such board. Such plans shall be based on (1) the school
101 security and safety plan standards developed by the Department of
102 Emergency Services and Public Protection, pursuant to section 10-222n,
103 and (2) on and after the effective date of this section, the Guidance to K-
104 12 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the
105 Department of Education on January 28, 2025. Each local and regional

106 board of education shall annually review and update, if necessary, such
107 plans.

108 (b) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and each school
109 year thereafter, each local and regional board of education shall
110 establish a school security and safety committee at each school under
111 the jurisdiction of such board. The school security and safety committee
112 shall be responsible for assisting in the development of the school
113 security and safety plan for the school and administering such plan.
114 Such school security and safety committee shall consist of a local police
115 officer, a local first responder, a teacher [and an administrator]
116 employed at the school, the administrator designated pursuant to
117 section 1 of this act, a mental health professional, as defined in section
118 10-76t, a parent or guardian of a student enrolled in the school and any
119 other person the board of education deems necessary. Any parent or
120 guardian serving as a member of a school security and safety committee
121 shall not have access to information reported to such committee that
122 would result in a violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy
123 Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended from time to time.

124 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2024, each local and
125 regional board of education shall update the school security and safety
126 plan for each school under the jurisdiction of such board to include
127 protocols for interacting with a federal immigration authority, as
128 defined in section 54-192h, who appears in person at a school under the
129 jurisdiction of such board or otherwise contacts a school to request
130 information. Such protocols shall (A) be based on the Guidance to K-12
131 Public Schools Pertaining to Immigration Activities developed by the
132 Department of Education on January 28, 2025, and (B) include, at a
133 minimum, (i) the designation of at least one administrator at each school
134 to serve as the individual responsible for interacting with the federal
135 immigration authority, pursuant to section 1 of this act, (ii) provisions
136 that such administrator, or any other school employee, may (I) request
137 and record a federal immigration authority's identification, including
138 the name, badge or identification number, telephone number and

139 business card of such federal immigration authority, (II) ask such
140 federal immigration authority if such federal immigration authority is
141 in possession of a judicial warrant to support such federal immigration
142 authority's request and, if so, to produce such judicial warrant, (III)
143 review any warrant or other materials that such federal immigration
144 authority produces to determine who issued such warrant and what
145 such warrant or other material authorizes such federal immigration
146 authority to do, and (IV) consult with legal counsel for the school
147 district, or guidance developed by such legal counsel, on how to interact
148 with such federal immigration authority with regards to the nature of
149 the request, whether a warrant is produced, the details of any such
150 warrant, whether such warrant is a judicial warrant or an administrative
151 warrant, whether such federal immigration authority is claiming
152 exigent circumstances, and any other consideration identified by such
153 legal counsel, and (iii) permit other school personnel to direct such
154 federal immigration authority who requests access to any records,
155 information, the interior of the school building or other school personnel
156 to communicate with the administrator designated to interact with such
157 federal immigration authority.

158 (c) Each local and regional board of education shall annually submit
159 the school security and safety plan for each school under the jurisdiction
160 of such board, developed pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, to
161 the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

162 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than seven calendar days after
163 the effective date of this section, the Commissioner of Education shall
164 provide notice of the provisions of section 1 of this act and the
165 amendments to section 10-222m of the general statutes, as amended by
166 this act, to each (1) superintendent of schools for a school district, (2)
167 regional educational service center, (3) governing authority for a state
168 charter school, and (4) endowed or incorporated academy approved by
169 the State Board of Education pursuant to section 10-34 of the general
170 statutes.

171 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

172 (1) "Covered foreign entity" means (A) any person who is included in
173 (i) the Consolidated Screening List maintained by the United States
174 Department of Commerce, United States Department of State and
175 United States Department of Treasury, or (ii) the Entity List,
176 Supplement 4 to 15 CFR Part 744, as amended from time to time, (B) the
177 People's Republic of China, the Russian Federation and any
178 governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality thereof, (C) any
179 person domiciled in the People's Republic of China or the Russian
180 Federation, (D) any person under the control or influence of the People's
181 Republic of China or the Russian Federation, and (E) any affiliate or
182 subsidiary of any foreign government or person described in
183 subparagraphs (A) to (D), inclusive, of this subdivision;

184 (2) "Department head" has the same meaning as provided in section
185 4-5 of the general statutes;

186 (3) "Exigent circumstances" means significantly changed
187 circumstances that were unforeseeable and pose an imminent threat to
188 public health or safety;

189 (4) "Municipality" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-148
190 of the general statutes;

191 (5) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
192 liability company, partnership, trust, government, governmental
193 subdivision, agency, instrumentality or other legal entity;

194 (6) "Small unmanned aircraft system" (A) means any unmanned
195 powered aircraft that (i) is operated without the possibility of direct
196 human intervention from within or on the aircraft, and (ii) weighs less
197 than fifty-five pounds including anything attached to or carried by the
198 aircraft, and (B) includes (i) all elements that (I) are associated with the
199 aircraft described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, and (II) are
200 required for the operator to operate the aircraft described in

201 subparagraph (A) of this subdivision safely and efficiently in the
202 national airspace system, and (ii) any communication links and
203 components that control the aircraft described in subparagraph (A) of
204 this subdivision; and

205 (7) "State agency" means any agency with a department head.

206 (b) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this
207 subsection and subsection (d) of this section:

208 (A) Beginning October 1, 2025, the Department of Emergency
209 Services and Public Protection shall not purchase any small unmanned
210 aircraft system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity;
211 and

212 (B) Beginning October 1, 2027, the Department of Emergency Services
213 and Public Protection shall not operate any small unmanned aircraft
214 system assembled or manufactured by a covered foreign entity.

215 (2) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
216 subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into
217 before October 1, 2025.

218 (3) The provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
219 subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into
220 before October 1, 2027.

221 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection
222 and subsection (d) of this section:

223 (A) Beginning October 1, 2026, (i) no state agency or municipality
224 shall purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or
225 manufactured by a covered foreign entity, (ii) no person who enters into
226 a contract with any state agency or municipality shall, pursuant to such
227 contract, purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or
228 manufactured by a covered foreign entity, and (iii) no state or federal
229 funds, including, but not limited to, any state or federal funds awarded

230 or paid pursuant to a contract, cooperative agreement or grant, shall be
231 used to purchase any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or
232 manufactured by a covered foreign entity; and

233 (B) Beginning October 1, 2028, (i) no state agency or municipality
234 shall operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or
235 manufactured by a covered foreign entity, (ii) no person who enters into
236 a contract with any state agency or municipality shall, pursuant to such
237 contract, operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or
238 manufactured by a covered foreign entity, and (iii) no state or federal
239 funds, including, but not limited to, any state or federal funds awarded
240 or paid pursuant to a contract, cooperative agreement or grant, shall be
241 used to operate any small unmanned aircraft system assembled or
242 manufactured by a covered foreign entity.

243 (2) The provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (1) of this
244 subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into
245 before October 1, 2026.

246 (3) The provisions of subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of this
247 subsection shall not be construed to impair any contract entered into
248 before October 1, 2028.

249 (d) (1) During the period beginning October 1, 2027, and ending
250 December 31, 2034, the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
251 Protection may waive the prohibitions established in subdivision (1) of
252 subsection (b) of this section if (A) the commissioner determines that
253 such waiver is necessary (i) due to exigent circumstances, (ii) to counter
254 another small unmanned aircraft system, or (iii) for the purposes of any
255 criminal investigation, and (B) not later than seven days after the
256 Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection uses the small
257 unmanned aircraft system, the commissioner creates a written
258 statement, certified by the commissioner, disclosing (i) the reason set
259 forth in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision that provides the basis for
260 the commissioner's determination that such waiver is necessary, and (ii)

261 facts supporting the commissioner's determination that such waiver is
262 necessary for such reason.

263 (2) During the period beginning October 1, 2028, and ending
264 December 31, 2034, the department head of the state agency, the chief
265 law enforcement officer of the municipality or the chief of the paid
266 municipal or volunteer fire department may waive the prohibitions
267 established in subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of this section if (A) the
268 department head or chief determines that such waiver is necessary (i)
269 due to exigent circumstances, (ii) to counter another small unmanned
270 aircraft system, or (iii) for the purposes of any criminal investigation,
271 and (B) not later than seven days after the state agency, municipality or
272 contractor uses the small unmanned aircraft system, the department
273 head or chief submits to the Department of Emergency Services and
274 Public Protection a written statement, certified by the department head
275 or chief, disclosing (i) the reason set forth in subparagraph (A) of this
276 subdivision that provides the basis for such department head's or chief's
277 determination that such waiver is necessary, and (ii) facts supporting
278 the department head's or chief's determination that such waiver is
279 necessary for such reason.

280 (3) The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
281 shall maintain each written statement created by the Commissioner of
282 Emergency Services and Public Protection pursuant to subdivision (1)
283 of this subsection or submitted to the department pursuant to
284 subdivision (2) of this subsection. The commissioner shall, upon
285 request, disclose a copy of any such written statement to any member of
286 the General Assembly. Each such written statement shall be subject to
287 disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section
288 1-200 of the general statutes.

289 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) As used in this section and
290 sections 7 and 8 of this act:

291 (1) "Aircraft" and "unmanned aircraft" have the same meanings as

292 provided in section 15-34 of the general statutes;

293 (2) "Ammunition" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-
294 217 of the general statutes;

295 (3) "Armed forces of the state" has the same meaning as such term is
296 used in section 27-2 of the general statutes;

297 (4) "Armed forces of the United States" means armed forces, as
298 defined in section 27-103 of the general statutes;

299 (5) "Critical infrastructure facility" means (A) the following types of
300 properties, provided any such property is completely enclosed by a
301 fence or other physical barrier that is clearly designed to exclude
302 intruders from such property, or the property is clearly marked with at
303 least one sign that is posted on the property, reasonably likely to come
304 to the attention of intruders on such property and indicates that the
305 operation of unmanned aircraft is prohibited: (i) An electrical generating
306 facility, electric substation or switchyard or electric control system, (ii) a
307 facility for storing, receiving or processing petroleum products and
308 other fuels, (iii) a chemical or rubber manufacturing or storage facility,
309 (iv) a correctional facility, (v) a telecommunications central office or
310 wireless telecommunications infrastructure, (vi) a commercial port,
311 harbor, rail yard, truck terminal or other freight transportation facility,
312 (vii) a plant for the manufacture and distribution of gas, (viii) a
313 transmission facility of a television or radio station licensed by the
314 Federal Communications Commission, (ix) any portion of an above-
315 ground oil, gas or chemical pipeline, (x) a dam classified as a high or
316 significant hazard by the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental
317 Protection, (xi) an air navigation facility, as defined in section 15-34 of
318 the general statutes, (xii) a military facility, as defined in section 27-39 of
319 the general statutes, (xiii) a reservoir, water treatment plant, distribution
320 system and pumping station or wastewater treatment plant, collection
321 system and pump station, (xiv) a facility used primarily by a defense
322 contractor, as defined in 32 CFR 158.3, as amended from time to time,

323 (xv) a government office building, (xvi) a hospital, (xvii) a public safety
324 building or facility, (xviii) a state or locally owned bridge; or (B) a
325 limited access highway, as defined in section 14-1 of the general statutes,
326 or a tunnel located on a limited access highway.

327 (6) "Dangerous instrument" has the same meaning as provided in
328 section 53a-3 of the general statutes;

329 (7) "Deadly weapon" has the same meaning as provided in section
330 53a-3 of the general statutes;

331 (8) "Explosive or incendiary device" has the same meaning as
332 provided in section 53-206b of the general statutes;

333 (9) "Firearm" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of
334 the general statutes;

335 (10) "Firefighter" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-313g
336 of the general statutes;

337 (11) "Person" means any individual, association, corporation, limited
338 liability company, partnership, trust, government, governmental
339 subdivision, agency, instrumentality or other legal entity;

340 (12) "Police officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 7-
341 294a of the general statutes; and

342 (13) "Public service company" has the same meaning as provided in
343 section 16-1 of the general statutes.

344 Sec. 7. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Except as provided in
345 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, no person shall (1) operate any
346 unmanned aircraft, or program an unmanned aircraft to operate, at a
347 height of less than two hundred fifty feet above ground level of a critical
348 infrastructure facility or within one hundred horizontal feet of a critical
349 infrastructure facility or, in the case of a tunnel, inside such tunnel, or
350 (2) use any unmanned aircraft to conduct surveillance of, gather

351 evidence of or collect information concerning a critical infrastructure
352 facility unless such person has obtained prior approval of the owner or
353 administrator of such critical infrastructure facility.

354 (b) The provisions of subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section
355 shall not apply to a person operating an unmanned aircraft for
356 commercial purposes in compliance with authorization granted by the
357 Federal Aviation Administration to the extent such operation is
358 necessary for such commercial purpose.

359 (c) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
360 the operation of an unmanned aircraft by, or on behalf of, an employee
361 of the federal government, the state or a political subdivision of the state,
362 a member of the armed forces of the United States, a member of the
363 armed forces of the state, a firefighter, a police officer, an emergency
364 management director or an employee of a public service company when
365 such operation is in the performance of the official duties of such
366 employee, member, firefighter, officer or director.

367 (d) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
368 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

369 Sec. 8. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2025*) (a) Except as provided in
370 subsection (b) of this section, no person shall equip an aircraft or
371 unmanned aircraft with a deadly weapon, a dangerous instrument, a
372 firearm, ammunition or an explosive or incendiary device.

373 (b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to
374 any aircraft or unmanned aircraft operated by (1) a member of the
375 armed forces of the United States or armed forces of the state while
376 engaged in the performance of such member's official duties, or (2) a
377 police officer, firefighter or emergency management director while
378 engaged in rescue services or the provision of emergency services to
379 persons who are in dangerous or perilous circumstances when such
380 aircraft or unmanned aircraft is equipped with a motorized breaching
381 tool.

382 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be
383 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

384 Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The following sums are appropriated
385 from the GENERAL FUND for the purpose herein specified for the fiscal
386 year ending June 30, 2025:

T1	GENERAL FUND	2024-2025
T2		
T3	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT	
T4	Other Expenses	2,087,500
T5		
T6	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
T7	Community Health Services	800,000
T8		
T9	TOTAL - GENERAL FUND	2,887,500

387 Sec. 10. (*Effective from passage*) The amount appropriated in section 9
388 of this act to the Judicial Department, for Other Expenses, for the fiscal
389 year ending June 30, 2025, shall be made available in said fiscal year for
390 the following grants:

T10	Grantee	Grant
T11	Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants, Inc.	62,500
T12	Jewish Family Services of Greenwich, Inc.	62,500
T13	Connecticut Immigrant and Refugee Coalition, Inc.	62,500
T14	Center for Children's Advocacy, Inc.	62,500
T15	Anchor Health Initiative Corp.	62,500
T16	Middlesex Hospital	62,500
T17	Triangle Community Center, Inc.	62,500
T18	Queer Youth Program of Connecticut, Inc.	62,500
T19	Kids in Crisis, Inc.	62,500
T20	OutCT, Inc.	62,500
T21	Bridgeport Pride Center, Inc.	62,500

T22	PFLAG Enfield, Inc.	62,500
T23	PEERPRIDE, Inc.	62,500
T24	The World Health Clinicians, Inc.	62,500
T25	Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs	62,500
T26	Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative, Inc.	62,500
T27	City Seed, Inc.	62,500
T28	Building One Community Corp.	62,500
T29	Havenly, Inc.	62,500
T30	Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, Inc. dba The Health Collective	387,500
T31	New Haven Gay and Lesbian Community Center, Inc.	225,000
T32	Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services, Inc.	225,000
T33	Junta For Progressive Action, Inc.	62,500

391 Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) The amount of eight hundred thousand
392 dollars appropriated in section 9 of this act to the Department of Public
393 Health, for Community Health Services, for the fiscal year ending June
394 30, 2025, shall be made available in said fiscal year for a grant to Planned
395 Parenthood of Southern New England, Inc.

396 Sec. 12. Section 10a-56 of the general statutes is repealed and the
397 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

398 (a) As used in this section:

399 (1) "Student athlete" means a student [enrolled at] who attends or has
400 agreed to attend an institution of higher education [who] and
401 participates or has agreed to participate in an intercollegiate athletic
402 program;

403 (2) "Intercollegiate athletic program" means a program at an
404 institution of higher education for sports played at the collegiate level
405 for which eligibility requirements for participation by a student athlete
406 are established by a national association for the promotion or regulation
407 of college athletics;

408 (3) "Compensation" means the receipt, whether directly or indirectly,
409 of any cryptocurrency, money, goods, services, other item of value, in-
410 kind contributions and any other form of payment or remuneration;

411 (4) "Endorsement contract" means a written agreement under which
412 a student athlete is employed or receives compensation for the use by
413 another party of such student athlete's person, name, image or likeness
414 in the promotion of any product, service or event;

415 (5) "Sports agent" means a duly licensed person who negotiates or
416 solicits a contract on behalf of a student athlete in accordance with the
417 Sports Agent Responsibility and Trust Act, 15 USC 7801, et seq., as
418 amended from time to time;

419 (6) "NCAA" has the same meaning as provided in section 10a-55k;

420 (7) "Institutional marks" means the name, logo, trademarks, mascot,
421 unique colors, copyrights and other defining insignia of an institution
422 of higher education;

423 (8) "Institution of higher education" means an institution of higher
424 education, as defined in section 10a-55, and a for-profit institution of
425 higher education licensed to operate in this state;

426 (9) "Official team activities" means all games, practices, exhibitions,
427 scrimmages, team appearances, team photograph sessions, sports
428 camps sponsored by the institution of higher education and other team-
429 organized activities, including, but not limited to, individual
430 photograph sessions, news media interviews and other related activities
431 as specified by the institution of higher education; [and]

432 (10) "Prohibited endorsements" means receipt of compensation by, or
433 employment of, a student athlete for use of the student athlete's person,
434 name, image or likeness in association with any product, category of
435 companies, brands or types of endorsement contracts that the institution
436 of higher education prohibits endorsing by policy; and

437 (11) "Revenue sharing agreement" means an agreement between an
438 institution of higher education, or an entity acting on such institution's
439 behalf, and a student athlete through which a student athlete shares in
440 a portion of the revenue of such institution as compensation.

441 (b) [On or after January 1, 2022, or the date on which an institution of
442 higher education in the state adopts or updates its policy in accordance
443 with subdivision (3) of subsection (f) of this section, whichever is earlier,
444 any] (1) A student athlete [who is enrolled at such] at an institution of
445 higher education in the state may earn compensation through an
446 endorsement contract or employment in an activity that is unrelated to
447 any intercollegiate athletic program and obtain the legal or professional
448 representation of an attorney or sports agent through a written
449 agreement, provided such student athlete complies with the policy or
450 policies adopted by [his or her] such student athlete's institution of
451 higher education regarding student athlete endorsement contracts and
452 employment activities.

453 (2) A student athlete at an institution of higher education in the state
454 may earn compensation through an endorsement contract or a revenue
455 sharing agreement directly with such institution of higher education, or
456 an entity acting on behalf of such institution of higher education,
457 provided such institution of higher education adopts one or more
458 policies allowing endorsement contracts or revenue sharing agreements
459 with student athletes and such student athlete complies with such
460 policy or policies.

461 (c) Each institution of higher education shall adopt one or more
462 policies regarding student athlete endorsement contracts, employment
463 activities and the use of institutional marks. Such policy or policies shall
464 include provisions for: (1) Requiring a student athlete to disclose and
465 submit a copy to [his or her] such student athlete's institution of higher
466 education of each endorsement contract, written agreement for
467 employment and representation agreement executed by the student
468 athlete; (2) prohibiting a student athlete from entering into an agreement

469 that conflicts with the provisions of any agreement to which the
470 institution of higher education is a party, provided such institution shall
471 disclose to the student athlete or the student athlete's attorney or sports
472 agent the provisions of the agreement that are in conflict; (3) prohibiting
473 a student athlete's performance of the endorsement contract or
474 employment activity from interfering with any official team activities or
475 academic obligations; and (4) identifying any prohibited endorsements.

476 (d) No provision of this section shall be construed to (1) require an
477 institution of higher education or an athletic association or conference,
478 including, but not limited to, the NCAA, to compensate a student athlete
479 for use of [his or her] such student's name, image or likeness or to enter
480 into a revenue sharing agreement with a student athlete; (2) require a
481 student athlete or any other person to compensate an institution of
482 higher education or an athletic association or conference, including, but
483 not limited to, the NCAA for a student athlete's endorsement contract
484 or employment activity that is in accordance with the provisions of
485 subsection (b) of this section; (3) qualify any scholarship or other
486 financial aid that a student athlete receives from an institution of higher
487 education as compensation; (4) qualify a student athlete as an employee
488 of an institution of higher education; (5) require an institution of higher
489 education to take any action in violation of the Discrimination Based on
490 Sex and Blindness Act, 20 USC 1681, et seq., as amended from time to
491 time; (6) prohibit a student athlete from engaging in an employment
492 activity that entails coaching or performing a sport, provided such
493 activity is not related to any intercollegiate athletic program; (7) prohibit
494 an institution of higher education from using a student athlete's name,
495 image or likeness in connection with official team activities; or (8)
496 require an institution of higher education to allow a student athlete to
497 use or consent to the use of any institutional marks.

498 (e) No athletic association or conference, including, but not limited
499 to, the NCAA, on the basis of a student athlete's endorsement contract,
500 employment activity, revenue sharing agreement or representation by
501 an attorney or sports agent pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,

502 shall (1) prohibit or prevent an institution of higher education or its
503 intercollegiate athletic program from participating in intercollegiate
504 sports, (2) restrict or revoke a student athlete's eligibility to participate
505 in an intercollegiate athletic program, (3) prohibit or prevent a student
506 athlete from earning compensation from such endorsement contract,
507 [or] employment activity [,] or revenue sharing agreement, (4) prohibit
508 or prevent a student athlete from representation by a duly licensed
509 attorney or sports agent, or (5) take action on a complaint, open an
510 investigation or take any adverse action against an institution of higher
511 education, an entity acting on behalf of such institution, an employee of
512 such institution or a student athlete for activity permitted under this
513 section, including, but not limited to, direct compensation of a student
514 athlete through an endorsement contract or a revenue sharing
515 agreement.

516 (f) (1) No institution of higher education, on the basis of a student
517 athlete's endorsement contract, employment activity or representation
518 by an attorney or sports agent pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
519 shall (A) prohibit or prevent such student athlete from earning
520 compensation from such endorsement contract or employment activity,
521 (B) prohibit or prevent such student athlete from representation by a
522 duly licensed attorney or sports agent, or (C) restrict or revoke such
523 student athlete's eligibility for a scholarship or to participate in the
524 intercollegiate athletic program at such institution.

525 (2) [Notwithstanding section 1-210 with respect to public institutions
526 of higher education, no institution of higher education shall disclose any
527 record of] With respect to public institutions of higher education,
528 records of the compensation received by a student athlete from an
529 endorsement contract, [or] employment activity or revenue sharing
530 agreement entered into or engaged in pursuant to subsection (b) of this
531 section shall not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of
532 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200, unless the [institution]
533 public institution of higher education receives the written consent of the
534 student athlete for each disclosure.

535 [(3) Not later than January 1, 2022, the governing board of each
536 institution of higher education shall adopt or update its policies, as
537 necessary, to carry out the purposes of this section.]

538 (g) No provision of subsections (d) and (f) of this section shall be
539 construed to prevent an institution of higher education or an athletic
540 association or conference, including, but not limited to, the NCAA, from
541 prohibiting a student athlete's participation in an intercollegiate athletic
542 program, revoking a student athlete's eligibility for a scholarship or
543 taking any other punitive or legal action if such student athlete's
544 endorsement contract, employment activity or representation by an
545 attorney or sport agent does not comply with the provisions of
546 subsection (b) of this section.

547 (h) [No student athlete may receive compensation for use of such
548 student athlete's name, image or likeness as an inducement to attend,
549 enroll in or continue attending a specific institution of higher education
550 or intercollegiate athletic program.] An institution of higher education,
551 or an entity acting on behalf of such institution, may create, facilitate,
552 negotiate, support, assist with or otherwise enable opportunities for a
553 student athlete or a prospective student athlete to earn compensation
554 for use of such student athlete's name, image or likeness or any other
555 compensation related to such student athlete's participation in an
556 intercollegiate athletic program.

557 (i) No institution of higher education shall use state funds
558 appropriated to such institution for compensation of a student athlete
559 pursuant to an endorsement contract or a revenue sharing agreement.

560 Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2026,
561 and annually thereafter, each public institution of higher education that
562 enters into a revenue sharing agreement with a student athlete pursuant
563 to section 10a-56 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall
564 submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general
565 statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly

566 having cognizance of matters relating to higher education and
567 employment advancement a report stating the amount of total revenue
568 that is used as compensation for student athletes and the total number
569 of student athletes receiving such compensation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	10-222m
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-222m
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	10a-56
Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	New section