
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 1381

AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT WING CIVIL AIR PATROL YOUTH CAMPS.

SUMMARY

This bill allows the Connecticut Wing of the Civil Air Patrol to open, operate, and maintain a youth camp without an Office of Early Childhood (OEC) license. However, to be exempt, the camp must (1) be opened, operated, and maintained on state controlled property and use a facility the Connecticut Military Department exclusively operates, and (2) comply with any regulations the OEC commissioner adopted on tests to monitor glucose levels in children with diabetes and medicinal preparations to children.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2025

BACKGROUND

Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is a congressionally chartered (36 U.S.C. § 40301), federally funded nonprofit corporation and serves as the volunteer civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

Youth Camps

By law, among other criteria, a youth camp is any regularly scheduled program or organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during school vacations or on weekends by a person, entity, or state or municipal agency for recreational or educational purposes that accommodates at least five children from ages 3 through 15 (CGS § 19a-420).

For youth camps to operate in the state, they generally must complete a comprehensive licensing process OEC runs, including background checks for employees who provide care or have unsupervised access to

a child. There is a license fee of \$815 or \$315 depending on the entity.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/18/2025)