



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 6180



**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF FIREARMS BY OPERATORS OF
FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this
2 section, "firearm" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of
3 the general statutes.

4 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, each
5 operator of a family child care home licensed pursuant to section 19a-
6 87b of the general statutes, in which one or more firearms is stored, shall
7 provide written notification of the presence of each such firearm to a
8 parent or guardian of each child enrolled in such home. Such
9 notification shall (1) include a list of the number and type of each firearm
10 stored in such home, and (2) require a parent or guardian to
11 acknowledge receipt of such notification by providing such parent or
12 guardian's signature. On and after January 1, 2026, such written
13 notification shall be provided to a parent or guardian of each child
14 enrolling in any such home for the first time. Such operator shall
15 maintain each signed acknowledgment of receipt for not less than three
16 years, and make such signed acknowledgments available to the Office
17 of Early Childhood for inspection upon request.

18 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each
19 operator of a family child care home in which one or more firearms is

20 stored shall, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of
21 Early Childhood, confirm compliance with the provisions of subsection
22 (b) of this section during the preceding calendar year.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-87e of the general statutes is
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
25 *2025*):

26 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood may (1) refuse to license
27 under section 19a-87b, a person to own, conduct, operate or maintain a
28 family child care home, as defined in section 19a-77, (2) refuse to
29 approve under section 19a-87b, a person to act as an assistant or
30 substitute staff member in a family child care home, as defined in section
31 19a-77, or (3) suspend or revoke the license or approval or take any other
32 action that may be set forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant
33 to section 19a-79 if the person who owns, conducts, maintains or
34 operates the family child care home, the person who acts as an assistant
35 or substitute staff member in a family child care home, a person
36 employed in such family child care home in a position connected with
37 the provision of care to a child receiving child care services or a
38 household member, as defined in subsection (c) of section 19a-87b, who
39 is sixteen years of age or older and resides therein, has been convicted,
40 in this state or any other state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25,
41 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force
42 against another person, or has a criminal record in this state or any other
43 state that the commissioner reasonably believes renders the person
44 unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or be employed by a
45 family child care home, or act as an assistant or substitute staff member
46 in a family child care home, or if such persons or a household member
47 has been convicted in this state or any other state of cruelty to persons
48 under section 53-20, injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of
49 children under section 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of
50 six years under section 53-23, or any felony where the victim of the
51 felony is a child under eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-
52 70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019,
53 or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal

54 manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing or
 55 administration under section 21a-277 or 21a-278, or illegal possession
 56 under section 21a-279, or if such person, a person who acts as assistant
 57 or substitute staff member in a family child care home or a person
 58 employed in such family child care home in a position connected with
 59 the provision of care to a child receiving child care services, either fails
 60 to substantially comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to
 61 section 19a-87b, or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a
 62 manner [which] that endangers the health, safety and welfare of the
 63 children receiving child care services, including, but not limited to, by a
 64 failure to comply with the provisions of section 1 of this act. Any refusal
 65 of a license or approval pursuant to this section shall be rendered in
 66 accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.
 67 Any person whose license or approval has been revoked pursuant to
 68 this section shall be ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a
 69 period of one year from the effective date of revocation.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	19a-87e(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), "19a-97b" was changed to "19a-87b" for accuracy, and "the parent" was changed to "a parent" for clarity; in Section 1(b)(2), "such parent" was changed to "a parent" for clarity, and "2027" was changed to "2026" for consistency; and in Section 2(a), "which endangers" was changed to "[which] that endangers" for consistency with standard drafting conventions, and "by a" was inserted before "failure" for clarity.

KID Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO