



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 7123



**AN ACT CONCERNING MILITARY FAMILIES AND EDUCATION
POLICIES REGARDING ENROLLMENT FOR PURPOSES OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND PLACEMENT STABILITY.**

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (E) of subdivision (10) of subsection (a) of
2 section 10-76d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

4 (E) (i) Each local and regional board of education shall have in effect
5 at the beginning of each school year an educational program for each
6 child or pupil who has been identified as eligible for special education,
7 and shall provide [(i)] (I) the informational handout described in section
8 10-74v to each child with an individualized education program or plan
9 pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and [(ii)] (II)
10 the Parent's Guide to Special Education in Connecticut developed by the
11 Department of Education and the rights and resources available to such
12 child in the provision of special education and related services.

13 (ii) If, after the start of a school year, a child of a member of the armed
14 forces, as defined in section 27-103, enrolls in a school under the
15 jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education, as a result of such
16 member having received military orders directing such member to the
17 state or any other documents from the armed forces indicating the
18 transfer of such member to the state, and such child enrolls with an

19 individualized education program or plan pursuant to Section 504 of the
20 Rehabilitation Act of 1973 from such child's prior school, such board
21 shall take necessary steps, including, but not limited to, the transfer of
22 any records and prior evaluations, the performance of any
23 reevaluations, not later than thirty days after such child's enrollment,
24 and the holding of any meetings, to ensure a minimally disruptive
25 transition to the provision of comparable services.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 10-186 of the general statutes is
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
28 *2025*):

29 (a) Each local or regional board of education shall furnish, by
30 transportation or otherwise, school accommodations so that each child
31 five years of age and over and under twenty-one years of age who is not
32 a graduate of a high school or technical education and career school may
33 attend public school, except as provided in section 10-233c and
34 subsection (d) of section 10-233d. For purposes of establishing the
35 residency of a child of a member of the armed forces, as defined in
36 section 27-103, and who is seeking enrollment in a school under the
37 jurisdiction of a local or regional board of education for a town in which
38 such child is not yet a resident, such board shall accept the military
39 orders directing such member to the state or any other documents from
40 the armed forces indicating the transfer of such member to the state as
41 proof of residency. If a child of a member of the armed forces is enrolled
42 in a school under the jurisdiction of a local or regional board of
43 education for a town, and such member has received military orders
44 directing such member from such town or any other documents from
45 the armed forces indicating a change of residency from such town
46 during the school year, such child may continue to be enrolled in such
47 school while such member remains a member of the armed forces. Any
48 board of education which denies school accommodations, including a
49 denial based on an issue of residency, to any such child shall inform the
50 parent or guardian of such child or the child, in the case of an
51 emancipated minor, a pupil eighteen years of age or older or an
52 unaccompanied youth, as described in 42 USC 11434a, as amended from

53 time to time, of his or her right to request a hearing by the board of
54 education in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (1) of
55 subsection (b) of this section. A board of education which has denied
56 school accommodations shall advise the board of education under
57 whose jurisdiction it claims such child should be attending school of the
58 denial. For purposes of this section, (1) a "parent or guardian" shall
59 include a surrogate parent appointed pursuant to section 10-94g, and (2)
60 a child residing in a dwelling located in more than one town in this state
61 shall be considered a resident of each town in which the dwelling is
62 located and may attend school in any one of such towns. For purposes
63 of this subsection, "dwelling" means a single, two or three-family house
64 or a condominium unit.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2025	10-76d(a)(10)(E)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025	10-186(a)

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(a)(10)(E)(ii), "as defined in section 27-103," was added for clarity.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*