



General Assembly

***Substitute Bill No. 1381***

*January Session, 2025*



***AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT WING CIVIL AIR PATROL  
YOUTH CAMPS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2025*):

3 (a) No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp  
4 without a license issued by the office. Applications for such license shall  
5 be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the opening of the youth  
6 camp on forms provided and in accordance with procedures established  
7 by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of eight  
8 hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a nonprofit, nonstock  
9 corporation or association, a fee of three hundred fifteen dollars or, if  
10 the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for  
11 no more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are  
12 donated, no fee. All such licenses shall be valid for a period of one year  
13 from the date of issuance unless surrendered for cancellation or  
14 suspended or revoked by the commissioner for violation of this chapter  
15 or any regulations adopted under section 19a-428 and shall be  
16 renewable upon payment of an eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee  
17 or, if the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a  
18 three-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp  
19 affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days

20 duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

21 (b) On and after October 1, 2022, any licensee shall require any  
22 prospective employee eighteen years of age or older, who is applying  
23 for a position at a youth camp that requires the provision of care to a  
24 child or involves unsupervised access to a child, to submit to a  
25 comprehensive background check. The background check shall include,  
26 but not be limited to, a (1) (A) criminal history records check conducted  
27 (i) in accordance with section 29-17a, or (ii) by searching the electronic  
28 criminal record system maintained on the Internet web site of the  
29 Judicial Department for convictions matching the prospective  
30 employee's name and date of birth, (B) state child abuse registry  
31 established pursuant to section 17a-101k, (C) registry established and  
32 maintained pursuant to section 54-257, and (D) National Sex Offender  
33 Registry Public Website maintained by the United States Department of  
34 Justice, or (2) check by a third-party provider of national criminal  
35 history record checks that is conducted through a centralized database  
36 utilizing the prospective employee's fingerprints, provided such  
37 provider appears on a list of such providers published on the Internet  
38 web site of the Office of Early Childhood. Prior to each check of the state  
39 child abuse registry conducted pursuant to this subsection, a licensee  
40 shall submit to the office an authorization for the release of personal  
41 information signed by the prospective employee, on a form prescribed  
42 by the office, and the office shall submit such authorization to the  
43 Department of Children and Families. Any prospective employee who  
44 holds a J-1 visa, H-1B visa or R-1 visa issued by the United States  
45 Department of State shall not be required to submit to a background  
46 check under this section.

47 (c) Pending completion of all comprehensive background check  
48 components described in subsection (b) of this section, a prospective  
49 employee may begin work on a provisional basis, provided such  
50 prospective employee is supervised at all times by an employee who  
51 was subjected to a comprehensive background check described in  
52 subsection (b) of this section within the past five years.

53 (d) Each licensee shall require any employee of a youth camp holding  
54 a position that requires the provision of care to a child or involves  
55 unsupervised access to a child to submit to a comprehensive  
56 background check described in subsection (b) of this section not later  
57 than five years after the date such employee was hired, and at least once  
58 every five years thereafter. Nothing in this section prohibits a licensee  
59 from requiring any such employee to submit to a comprehensive  
60 background check more than once during a five-year period.

61 (e) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall have the discretion to  
62 refuse to license under sections 19a-420 to 19a-429, inclusive, a person  
63 to establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp, as described in section  
64 19a-420, or to suspend or revoke the license or take any other action set  
65 forth in any regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-428 if, the  
66 person who establishes, conducts or maintains such youth camp or a  
67 person employed therein in a position connected with the provision of  
68 care to a child or involving unsupervised access to a child, has (1) been  
69 convicted in this state or any other state of (A) a felony as defined in  
70 section 53a-25 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of  
71 physical force against another person, (B) cruelty to persons under  
72 section 53-20, (C) injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of  
73 children under section 53-21, (D) abandonment of children under the  
74 age of six years under section 53-23, (E) any felony where the victim of  
75 the felony is a child under eighteen years of age, or (F) a violation of  
76 section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
77 January 1, 2019, 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, (2)  
78 a criminal record in this state or any other state that the commissioner  
79 reasonably believes renders the person unsuitable to establish, conduct  
80 or maintain or be employed by a youth camp, or (3) held a license to  
81 establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp in another state that was  
82 revoked by such state's licensing authority. However, no refusal of a  
83 license shall be rendered except in accordance with the provisions of  
84 sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

85 (f) Any person who is licensed to establish, operate or maintain a  
86 youth camp shall notify the Commissioner of Early Childhood if such

87 licensee or any person employed by such youth camp is convicted of a  
88 crime listed in subsection (e) of this section, if such licensee or person  
89 employed by such youth camp is employed in a position connected with  
90 the provision of care to a child or involving unsupervised access to a  
91 child, immediately upon obtaining knowledge of the conviction. Failure  
92 to comply with the notification requirement may result in the  
93 suspension or revocation of the license or the imposition of any action  
94 set forth in regulation, and shall subject the licensee to a civil penalty of  
95 not more than one hundred dollars per day for each day after the  
96 licensee obtained knowledge of the conviction, provided such civil  
97 penalty shall not exceed the aggregate sum of four thousand five  
98 hundred dollars.

99 (g) Each licensee shall maintain, and make available for inspection  
100 upon request of the Office of Early Childhood, any documentation  
101 associated with a comprehensive background check described in  
102 subsection (b) of this section, for a period of not less than five years from  
103 the date of (1) completion of such background check, if the subject of the  
104 comprehensive background check was not hired by the licensee, or (2)  
105 separation from employment, if the subject of the comprehensive  
106 background check was hired by the licensee.

107 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 368r, the Connecticut  
108 Wing Civil Air Patrol within the Department of Emergency Services and  
109 Public Protection may establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp  
110 without obtaining a license issued by the office, provided the  
111 Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol (1) establishes, conducts or maintains  
112 any such youth camp on property owned or leased by the state and  
113 utilizes a facility operated exclusively by the Military Department, and  
114 (2) complies with any regulations adopted by the commissioner  
115 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-428 relating to the  
116 administration of (A) tests to monitor glucose levels in children with  
117 diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and (B) medicinal preparations to children.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2025</i>	19a-421
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***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In Subsec. (h)(2), "pursuant to section 19a-428 relating to (A) the administration of medication, or (B) the monitoring of diabetes" was changed to "pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-428 relating to the administration of (A) tests to monitor glucose levels in children with diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and (B) medicinal preparations to children" for accuracy and consistency with other provisions of the general statutes.

**PS**            *Joint Favorable Subst.*