



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1511

January Session, 2025



AN ACT CONCERNING DISCONNECTED YOUTH.

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (9) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
3 *2025*):

4 (9) "Foundation" means (A) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1990,
5 three thousand nine hundred eighteen dollars, (B) for the fiscal year
6 ending June 30, 1991, four thousand one hundred ninety-two dollars,
7 (C) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1992, four thousand four hundred
8 eighty-six dollars, (D) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1993, June 30,
9 1994, and June 30, 1995, four thousand eight hundred dollars, (E) for the
10 fiscal years ending June 30, 1996, June 30, 1997, and June 30, 1998, five
11 thousand seven hundred eleven dollars, (F) for the fiscal year ending
12 June 30, 1999, five thousand seven hundred seventy-five dollars, (G) for
13 the fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, to June 30, 2007, inclusive, five
14 thousand eight hundred ninety-one dollars, (H) for the fiscal years
15 ending June 30, 2008, to June 30, 2013, inclusive, nine thousand six
16 hundred eighty-seven dollars, [and] (I) for the fiscal [year] years ending
17 June 30, 2014, [and each fiscal year thereafter] to June 30, 2025, inclusive,
18 eleven thousand five hundred twenty-five dollars, and (J) for the fiscal
19 year ending June 30, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, twelve

20 thousand four hundred eighty-eight dollars.

21 Sec. 2. Subdivision (25) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
22 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
23 *2025*):

24 (25) "Total need students" means the sum of (A) the number of
25 resident students of the town for the school year, (B) for the school year
26 commencing July 1, [2021] 2026, and each school year thereafter, (i)
27 [thirty] forty per cent of the number of children eligible for free or
28 reduced price meals or free milk, (ii) [fifteen] twenty per cent of the
29 number of children eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk
30 in excess of the number of children eligible for free or reduced price
31 meals or free milk that is equal to sixty per cent of the total number of
32 resident students of the town for the school year, [and (iii) twenty-five]
33 (iii) thirty-five per cent of the number of resident students who are
34 multilingual learners, as defined in section 10-76kk, and (iv) fifty per
35 cent of the number of resident students who are children requiring
36 special education and related services, as such terms are defined in
37 section 10-76a.

38 Sec. 3. Section 10a-57g of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

40 (a) As used in this section:

41 (1) "Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and Workforce
42 Information Network" or "CP20 WIN" means the Preschool through
43 Twenty and Workforce Information Network maintained in the state.

44 (2) "Data definitions" means the plain language descriptions of data
45 elements.

46 (3) "Data dictionary" means a listing of the names of a set of data
47 elements, their definitions and additional meta-data that does not
48 contain any actual data, but provides information about the data in a
49 data set.

50 (4) "Data elements" mean units of information that are stored or
51 accessed in any data system, such as a student identification number,
52 course code or cumulative grade point average.

53 (5) "Meta-data" means the information about a data element that
54 provides context for that data element, such as its definition, storage
55 location, format and size.

56 (6) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges and
57 Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the Office of
58 Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut
59 Conference of Independent Colleges, the Department of Correction, the
60 Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, each regional
61 workforce development board or any entity that has executed an
62 enterprise memorandum of understanding for participation in the CP20
63 WIN and has been approved for participation pursuant to the terms of
64 the enterprise memorandum of understanding.

65 (7) "Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network"
66 or "P20 WIN" means a state data system for the purpose of matching
67 and linking longitudinally data of state agencies and other
68 organizations to inform policy and practice for education, workforce
69 and supportive service efforts, including, but not limited to, the purpose
70 of conducting audits and evaluations of federal and state education
71 programs.

72 (8) "Enterprise memorandum of understanding" means a
73 foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how
74 data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each
75 party within the data sharing process, by which the same foundational
76 agreement may be used for new agencies to sign on to the data sharing
77 process and without having to re-sign as agencies sign on or off of such
78 agreement.

79 (9) "Disconnected youth" means individuals who are fourteen to
80 eighteen years of age, inclusive, and are at risk of dropping out of school
81 or have dropped out of school.

82 (10) "Disconnected young person" means individuals who are
83 nineteen to twenty-six years of age, inclusive, and are not engaged in
84 the workforce, pursuing further education or developing a skill to
85 improve employment opportunities.

86 (b) There is established a Connecticut Preschool through Twenty and
87 Workforce Information Network. The purpose of the CP20 WIN is to
88 establish processes and structures governing the secure sharing of
89 critical longitudinal data across participating agencies through
90 implementation of the standards and policies of the Preschool through
91 Twenty and Workforce Information Network.

92 (c) The CP20 WIN shall be governed by an executive board that shall
93 provide oversight of such network. Said executive board shall include,
94 but need not be limited to, the chief executive officer of each
95 participating agency, or their respective designees, the Chief Workforce
96 Officer, or the officer's designee, and the Secretary of the Office of Policy
97 and Management, or the secretary's designee. The duties of the
98 executive board shall be to:

99 (1) Advance a vision for the CP20 WIN including a prioritized
100 research agenda with support from the Office of Policy and
101 Management.

102 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing
103 board.

104 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain CP20
105 WIN funding.

106 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement
107 by advocating for the CP20 WIN in regard to policy, legislation and
108 resources.

109 (5) Advocate and support the state's vision for the CP20 WIN.

110 (6) Have overall fiscal and policy responsibility for the CP20 WIN.

111 (7) Ensure that, in any circumstances in which public funds or
112 resources are to be jointly utilized with those from private entities, such
113 arrangements are governed by appropriate agreements approved by the
114 Attorney General.

115 (8) Establish a data governing board to establish and implement
116 policies related to cross-agency data management, including, but not
117 limited to, data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision
118 for CP20 WIN and any applicable law. In establishing such policies, the
119 data governing board shall consult with the Office of Policy and
120 Management, in accordance with the provisions of section 4-67n and
121 other applicable statutes and policies.

122 (d) The executive board established pursuant to this section may
123 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data
124 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas
125 that will advance the work of CP20 WIN.

126 (e) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief
127 Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer and
128 the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of CP20 WIN a
129 request for data and analysis of such data for the purposes of assessing
130 performance and outcomes of the state's workforce system. Such data
131 and analysis request shall be completed by the administrator of CP20
132 WIN not later than August 15, 2022, and annually thereafter.

133 (f) On or before January 1, 2027, the executive board shall develop a
134 data sharing process by which data may be shared that is relevant to
135 identifying populations of disconnected youth and disconnected young
136 people and measuring the effectiveness of programs designed to
137 support such populations. Such data sharing process shall include, but
138 not be limited to, (1) specifying the data elements relevant to identifying
139 such populations, such as rates of school suspension or expulsion, rates
140 of arrests and convictions and employment rates, (2) establishing
141 metrics to measure the effectiveness of programs designed to support
142 disconnected youth and disconnected young people, and (3) developing

143 a public dashboard by which such program effectiveness measures may
144 be publicly accessible in a manner that does not disclose personally
145 identifiable information and is in accordance with the Family
146 Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 USC 1232g, as amended
147 from time to time.

148 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Not later than July 1, 2027, each
149 regional council of governments shall establish a youth success
150 oversight board within such council to oversee the needs of and services
151 available for disconnected youth and disconnected young people, as
152 defined in section 10a-57g of the general statutes, as amended by this
153 act, who reside in the planning region governed by such regional
154 council of governments. The membership of such board shall include,
155 but need not be limited to, representatives of public and private
156 organizations that engage with such disconnected youth and
157 disconnected young people. Each board shall be responsible for (1)
158 mapping regional needs and maintaining a current database of service
159 providers, (2) ensuring engagement around the planning region
160 concerning the populations of disconnected youth and disconnected
161 young people, (3) providing resources to implement integrated case
162 management between service providers, (4) establishing service
163 provider accountability by setting a rate schedule for services based on
164 the program effectiveness reported through CP20 WIN pursuant to the
165 provisions of subsection (f) of section 10a-57g of the general statutes, as
166 amended by this act, and (5) any other duties specified by such regional
167 council of governments.

168 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) The Department of Public
169 Health shall, in partnership with an association of a school-based health
170 centers in the state, establish a program for the provision of such
171 services to students in the state through telehealth. In establishing such
172 program, the department shall determine the regions of the state that
173 lack sufficient mental health services to meet the needs of the population
174 of such regions and issue a request for proposals for the provision of
175 such services through telehealth to mental health service providers that
176 (1) are licensed by the department and provide mental health services

177 in person and through telehealth in the state, (2) have experience
178 providing mental health services through telehealth to at least one
179 school district, (3) have experience providing culturally competent
180 pediatric mental health services, such as providing such services in
181 multiple languages and to a diverse population of students, (4) are able
182 to provide high quality mental health services, (5) employ a sufficient
183 number of mental health professionals licensed in the state to meet the
184 needs of such program, (6) use a technology platform that can be made
185 available to each school district that participates in such program at no
186 charge, and (7) agree to bill health carriers for the provision of mental
187 health services through telehealth. The department shall review such
188 proposals and select one mental health service provider to provide such
189 services through telehealth to students in the state, provided the local or
190 regional board of education that governs the school in which such
191 student is enrolled enters into a contract for the provision of such
192 services pursuant to subsection (c) of this section.

193 (b) The Department of Public Health and the mental health service
194 provider selected pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall develop
195 a model contract for local and regional boards of education to
196 participate in such telehealth mental health services program that
197 includes the terms specified in subdivisions (5) and (6) of said
198 subsection.

199 (c) Any local or regional board of education may participate in the
200 telehealth mental health services program, provided such board (1)
201 enters into a contract with the mental health service provider based on
202 the model contract developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section,
203 (2) does not duplicate the services already being provided in the school
204 district through a school-based health center or other facility that
205 provides in-person mental health services to students, (3) does not
206 charge students for access to such telehealth services, and (4)
207 participates with the Department of Public Health and the provider in
208 any record-keeping and reporting requirements specified by the
209 department.

210 Sec. 6. Section 31-3mm of the general statutes is repealed and the
211 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

212 (a) The Labor Department, within available appropriations, shall
213 establish a program to distribute youth employment and training funds
214 for summer youth employment programs to regional workforce
215 development boards.

216 (b) Funds provided for in subsection (a) of this section shall be
217 allocated as follows: (1) Thirty-two and five-tenths per cent to Capitol
218 Workforce Partners; (2) twenty-two and five-tenths per cent to The
219 Workforce Alliance; (3) twelve and five-tenths per cent to The
220 Workplace, Inc.; (4) twenty-two and five-tenths per cent to the
221 Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board, Inc.; and (5) ten per
222 cent to the Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board.

223 (c) For fiscal year ending July 1, 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter,
224 the Labor Department, within available appropriations, shall establish a
225 competitive grant program to distribute the youth employment and
226 training funds remaining after distribution pursuant to subsections (a)
227 and (b) of this section to nonprofit organizations in the state with a
228 demonstrated history of successful workforce development programs
229 for disconnected youth or a disconnected young person, as such terms
230 are defined in section 10a-57g, as amended by this act. The department
231 shall establish eligibility requirements for an organization to receive a
232 grant, including, but not limited to, (1) workforce development program
233 completion rates, and (2) after completion of such workforce
234 development program, job placement rates or rates of enrollment in
235 secondary or postsecondary education. On or before September 1, 2025,
236 the department shall post in a conspicuous location on its Internet web
237 site (A) a description of the competitive grant program, including, but
238 not limited to, the amount of funding available for each grant under
239 such program, (B) the eligibility requirements for an organization to
240 receive a grant, and (C) the application form for such competitive grant
241 program.

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

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-262f(9)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10-262f(25)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	10a-57g
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	31-3mm

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 6(c), subdivision designators (1), (2) and (3) were changed to subparagraph designators (A), (B) and (C) for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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