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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE  
OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 10-550g of the general statutes is repealed and the  
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

5 (a) As used in this section:

6 (1) "Office of Early Childhood funded early care and education  
7 program" means an early care and education program that accepts state  
8 funds directly from the office or indirectly through office  
9 subcontractors, for any combination of infant, toddler [,] and preschool,  
10 and any before and after school program for infant, toddler and  
11 preschool-age children, but does not include the child care subsidy  
12 program established pursuant to section 17b-749.

13 (2) "Designated staff member" means the person assigned the

14 primary responsibility for a classroom of children in an Office of Early  
15 Childhood funded early care and education program.

16 (3) "Designated qualified staff member" means a designated staff  
17 member who possesses at least one of the following:

18 (A) A bachelor's degree or higher with a concentration in early  
19 childhood education from an institution of higher education that is (i)  
20 regionally accredited and accredited by the National Association for the  
21 Education of Young Children, (ii) regionally accredited and working  
22 toward achieving accreditation from the National Association for the  
23 Education of Young Children, or (iii) regionally accredited;

24 (B) A certificate issued pursuant to section 10-145b with an  
25 endorsement in early childhood education or early childhood special  
26 education;

27 (C) Deemed to meet the bachelor's degree requirements by the office  
28 without a concentration in early childhood education, but with at least  
29 twelve early childhood credits from an institution of higher education  
30 that is regionally accredited;

31 (D) A bachelor's degree from an institution of higher education that  
32 is regionally accredited, without a concentration in early childhood  
33 education, but with at least twelve applicable early childhood credits as  
34 determined by the office;

35 (E) Permission from the office if such designated staff member is  
36 enrolled in an institution of higher education and engaged in and  
37 making progress in an early childhood planned program of study  
38 leading to an early childhood bachelor's degree and under supervision  
39 in accordance with the provisions of subsections (b) to (d), inclusive, of  
40 this section.

41 (b) When a bachelor's degree designated qualified staff member is not  
42 assigned, a person may be deemed a designated qualified staff member  
43 if such person possesses at least one of the qualifications included in

44 subsection [(c)] (d) of this section and is under the supervision of an on-  
45 site [bachelor's degree designated qualified staff member, except any  
46 family child care home provider that accepts state funds shall meet the  
47 designated qualified staff member qualifications] staff member who is  
48 in a teacher or administrator role and meets the bachelor's degree or  
49 higher with a concentration in early childhood education requirement.

50 (c) [When a bachelor's degree designated qualified staff member  
51 supervises an associate degree designated qualified staff member, the  
52 person possessing a bachelor's degree may supervise such associate  
53 degree designated qualified staff member at an off-site location.] In the  
54 case of a family child care home that is an Office of Early Childhood  
55 funded early care and education program, if the designated qualified  
56 staff member is working toward an early childhood associate degree or  
57 higher, such designated qualified staff member may be supervised by  
58 an individual from an off-site location who meets the bachelor's degree  
59 requirements for a designated qualified staff member and who provides  
60 coaching at the family child care home.

61 (d) The associate degree designated qualified staff member, under the  
62 supervision of a bachelor's degree qualified staff member, shall possess  
63 at least one of the following:

64 (1) An associate degree or higher with a concentration in early  
65 childhood education from an institution of higher education that is [(i)]  
66 (A) regionally accredited and accredited by the National Association for  
67 the Education of Young Children, [(ii)] (B) regionally accredited and  
68 working toward achieving accreditation from the National Association  
69 for the Education of Young Children, or [(iii)] (C) regionally accredited;

70 (2) Deemed to meet the associate degree requirements by the office  
71 without a concentration in early childhood education, but with at least  
72 twelve early childhood credits from an institution of higher education  
73 that is regionally accredited;

74 (3) An associate degree from an institution of higher education that is

75 regionally accredited, without a concentration in early childhood  
76 education, but with at least twelve applicable early childhood credits as  
77 determined by the office;

78 (4) Permission from the office if such associate degree designated  
79 qualified staff member is enrolled in an institution of higher education  
80 and engaged in an early childhood planned program of study leading  
81 to an early childhood associate degree.

82 [(d)] (e) (1) From July 1, [2024] 2025, to June 30, 2027, inclusive,  
83 twenty-five per cent of the designated staff members at each Office of  
84 Early Childhood funded early childhood education program shall be  
85 designated qualified staff members meeting one of the criteria at the  
86 bachelor's degree level. If the Office of Early Childhood funded early  
87 care and education program is a family child care home, the designated  
88 qualified staff member for such family child care home shall have  
89 achieved or be working toward an early childhood associate degree or  
90 [bachelor's degree] higher.

91 (2) From July 1, 2027, to June 30, 2030, inclusive, fifty per cent of the  
92 designated qualified members at each Office of Early Childhood funded  
93 early childhood education program shall be designated qualified staff  
94 members meeting one of the criteria at the bachelor's degree level. If the  
95 Office of Early Childhood funded early care and education program is  
96 a family child care home, the designated qualified staff member for such  
97 family child care home shall have achieved or be working toward an  
98 early childhood associate degree or [bachelor's degree] higher.

99 (3) On and after July 1, 2030, sixty per cent of the designated qualified  
100 members at each Office of Early Childhood funded child care program  
101 shall be designated qualified staff members meeting one of the criteria  
102 at the bachelor's degree level. If the Office of Early Childhood funded  
103 early care and education program is a family child care home, the  
104 designated qualified staff member for such family child care home shall  
105 have achieved or be working toward an early childhood associate  
106 degree or [bachelor's degree] higher, except on and after July 1, 2035, the

107 designated qualified staff member for such family child care home shall  
108 hold an early childhood associate degree or higher.

109 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-421 of the general statutes is  
110 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
111 *2025*):

112 (a) No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp  
113 without a license issued by the office. Applications for such license shall  
114 be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the opening of the youth  
115 camp on forms provided and in accordance with procedures established  
116 by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of eight  
117 hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a nonprofit, nonstock  
118 corporation or association, a fee of three hundred fifteen dollars or, if  
119 the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for  
120 no more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are  
121 donated, no fee. All such licenses shall be valid for a period of one year  
122 from the date of issuance unless surrendered for cancellation or  
123 suspended or revoked by the commissioner for violation of this chapter  
124 or any regulations adopted under section 19a-428, shall be  
125 nontransferable and shall be renewable upon receipt by the  
126 commissioner of a renewal application and payment of an eight-  
127 hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the licensee is a nonprofit,  
128 nonstock corporation or association, a three-hundred-fifteen-dollar  
129 license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit  
130 organization, for no more than five days duration and for which labor  
131 and materials are donated, no fee.

132 Sec. 3. Section 19a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
133 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

134 As used in this chapter:

135 (1) "Youth camp" means any regularly scheduled program or  
136 organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during  
137 school vacations or on weekends, conducted on a parcel of land that has

138 dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate five or more  
139 children, by a person, partnership, corporation, association, the state or  
140 a municipal agency for recreational or educational purposes and  
141 accommodating for profit or under philanthropic or charitable auspices  
142 five or more children, who are at least three years of age and under  
143 sixteen years of age, who are (A) not bona fide personal guests in the  
144 private home of an individual, and (B) living apart from their relatives,  
145 parents or legal guardian, for a period of three days or more per week  
146 or portions of three or more days per week, provided any such relative,  
147 parent or guardian who is an employee of such camp shall not be  
148 considered to be in the position of loco parentis to such employee's child  
149 for the purposes of this chapter, but does not include (i) classroom-based  
150 summer instructional programs operated by any person, provided no  
151 activities that may pose a health risk or hazard to participating children  
152 are conducted at such programs, (ii) public schools, or private schools  
153 in compliance with section 10-188 and approved by the State Board of  
154 Education or accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the  
155 State Board of Education, which operate a summer educational  
156 program, (iii) licensed child care centers, or (iv) drop-in programs for  
157 children who are at least six years of age administered by a nationally  
158 chartered boys' and girls' club;

159 (2) "Resident camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
160 conducted or maintained [on any parcel or parcels of land on which  
161 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate  
162 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under  
163 sixteen years of age] for at least seventy-two consecutive hours and in  
164 which the campers attending such camps eat and sleep;

165 (3) "Day camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
166 conducted or maintained [on any parcel or parcels of land on which  
167 there are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate  
168 five or more children who are at least three years of age and under  
169 sixteen years of age] during daylight hours for at least three days a week  
170 with the campers eating and sleeping at home, except for one meal per

171 day, but does not include programs operated by a municipal agency;

172 (4) "Person" means the state or any municipal agency, individual,  
173 partnership, association, organization, limited liability company or  
174 corporation;

175 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Early Childhood;  
176 and

177 (6) "Office" means the Office of Early Childhood.

178 Sec. 4. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17a-248b of the general  
179 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
180 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

181 (a) The lead agency shall establish a State Interagency Birth-to-Three  
182 Coordinating Council and shall provide staff assistance and other  
183 resources to the council. The council shall consist of the following  
184 members, appointed by the Governor: (1) Parents, including [minority]  
185 parents [.] of children with disabilities twelve years of age or younger  
186 representing culturally diverse communities, with knowledge of, or  
187 experience with, programs for children with disabilities from birth to  
188 thirty-six months of age, the total number of whom shall equal not less  
189 than twenty per cent of the total membership of the council, and at least  
190 one of whom shall be a parent of a child six years of age or younger,  
191 with a disability; (2) two members of the General Assembly at the time  
192 of their appointment, one of whom shall be designated by the speaker  
193 of the House of Representatives and one of whom shall be designated  
194 by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one person involved in  
195 the training of personnel who provide early intervention services; (4)  
196 one person who is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics;  
197 (5) the state coordinator of education for homeless children and youth,  
198 the state coordinator for early childhood special education and one  
199 person from each of the participating agencies, except the Department  
200 of Education, who shall be designated by the commissioner or executive  
201 director of the participating agency and who have authority to engage

202 in policy planning and implementation on behalf of the participating  
203 agency; (6) public or private providers of early intervention services, the  
204 total number of whom shall equal not less than twenty per cent of the  
205 total membership of the council; and (7) a representative of a Head Start  
206 program or agency. The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the  
207 council who shall not be the designee of the lead agency.

208 (b) The Governor shall appoint all members of the council for terms  
209 of three years. [No appointed member of the council] Members  
210 appointed to the council pursuant to subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,  
211 and (6) and (7) of subsection (a) of this section may serve not more than  
212 two consecutive terms, except a member may continue to serve until a  
213 successor is appointed.

214 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 10-16z of the general statutes is  
215 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
216 *2025*):

217 (c) Within available resources, the Early Childhood Cabinet shall (1)  
218 advise the Office of Early Childhood, established pursuant to section 10-  
219 500, and (2) not later than December 1, 2009, and annually thereafter,  
220 develop an annual plan of action that assigns the appropriate state  
221 agency to complete the tasks specified in the federal Head Start Act of  
222 2007, P.L. 110-134, as amended from time to time, [, and (3) not later than  
223 March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, submit an annual state-wide  
224 strategic report, pursuant to said federal Head Start Act, in accordance  
225 with the provisions of section 11-4a, addressing the progress such  
226 agencies have made toward the completion of such tasks outlined under  
227 said federal Head Start Act and this subsection to the Governor and the  
228 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
229 of matters relating to education and human services.]

230 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 10-550c of the general statutes is  
231 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
232 *2025*):



233 (a) There shall be established, within available appropriations, a local  
234 or regional governance [partners] partner to assist in the provision of  
235 early care and education in a community under Early Start CT. A town  
236 or school district and appropriate representatives of groups or entities  
237 interested in early care and education in such town or school district  
238 may establish a local governance partner. Two or more towns or school  
239 districts and appropriate representatives of groups or entities interested  
240 in early care and education in a region may establish a regional  
241 governance partner.

242 Sec. 7. Section 10-550d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
243 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

244 [The] Not later than July 1, 2027, the Office of Early Childhood shall  
245 establish a sliding fee scale for families that are enrolled in an early care  
246 and education program under Early Start CT. Such sliding scale shall be  
247 based on family income and be consistent with the sliding fee scale used  
248 in the child care subsidy program described in section [17b-249] 17b-749.

249 Sec. 8. Subsection (c) of section 10-550b of the general statutes is  
250 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
251 *2025*):

252 (c) The office, in operating and administering Early Start CT, may  
253 allocate an amount up to ten per cent of the total [financial assistance  
254 under the contract with] Early Start CT funding for child care spaces  
255 awarded to providers supported by each local or regional governance  
256 partner established pursuant to section 10-550c, as amended by this act,  
257 but not more than [one] three hundred fifty thousand dollars, for  
258 coordination, program evaluation and administration. Such amount  
259 shall be increased by an amount equal to local funding provided for  
260 early childhood education coordination, program evaluation and  
261 administration, not to exceed fifty thousand dollars. Each local or  
262 regional governance partner shall designate a staff person to be  
263 responsible for such coordination, program evaluation and  
264 administration and to act as a liaison between the town or towns and

265 the commissioner.

266 Sec. 9. Subsection (b) of section 10-264l of the general statutes is  
267 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
268 *2025*):

269 (b) (1) Applications for interdistrict magnet school program  
270 operating grants awarded pursuant to this section shall be submitted  
271 annually to the Commissioner of Education at such time and in such  
272 manner as the commissioner prescribes, except that on and after July 1,  
273 2009, applications for such operating grants for new interdistrict magnet  
274 schools, other than those that the commissioner determines will assist  
275 the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in *Sheff v.*  
276 *O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect,  
277 as determined by the commissioner, shall not be accepted until the  
278 commissioner develops a comprehensive state-wide interdistrict  
279 magnet school plan. The commissioner shall submit such  
280 comprehensive state-wide interdistrict magnet school plan on or before  
281 October 1, 2016, to the joint standing committees of the General  
282 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education and  
283 appropriations.

284 (2) In determining whether an application shall be approved and  
285 funds awarded pursuant to this section, the commissioner shall  
286 consider, but such consideration shall not be limited to: (A) Whether the  
287 program offered by the school is likely to increase student achievement;  
288 (B) whether the program is likely to reduce racial, ethnic and economic  
289 isolation; (C) the percentage of the student enrollment in the program  
290 from each participating district; and (D) the proposed operating budget  
291 and the sources of funding for the interdistrict magnet school. For a  
292 magnet school not operated by a local or regional board of education,  
293 the commissioner shall only approve a proposed operating budget that,  
294 on a per pupil basis, does not exceed the maximum allowable threshold  
295 established in accordance with this subdivision. The maximum  
296 allowable threshold shall be an amount equal to one hundred twenty  
297 per cent of the state average of the quotient obtained by dividing net

298 current expenditures, as defined in section 10-261, by average daily  
299 membership, as defined in said section, for the fiscal year two years  
300 prior to the fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. The  
301 Department of Education shall establish the maximum allowable  
302 threshold no later than December fifteenth of the fiscal year prior to the  
303 fiscal year for which the operating grant is requested. If requested by an  
304 applicant that is not a local or regional board of education, the  
305 commissioner may approve a proposed operating budget that exceeds  
306 the maximum allowable threshold if the commissioner determines that  
307 there are extraordinary programmatic needs. For the fiscal years ending  
308 June 30, 2017, [to June 30, 2025, inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter,  
309 in the case of an interdistrict magnet school that will assist the state in  
310 meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238  
311 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order in effect, as  
312 determined by the commissioner, the commissioner shall also consider  
313 whether the school is meeting the enrollment standards for interdistrict  
314 magnet school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to  
315 section 10-264r. If such school has not met such enrollment standards, it  
316 shall not be entitled to receive a grant pursuant to this section unless the  
317 commissioner finds that it is appropriate to award a grant for an  
318 additional year or years and approves a plan to bring such school into  
319 compliance with such enrollment standards. If requested by the  
320 commissioner, the applicant shall meet with the commissioner or the  
321 commissioner's designee to discuss the budget and sources of funding.

322 (3) For the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2018, [to June 30, 2025,  
323 inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, the commissioner shall not  
324 award a grant to an interdistrict magnet school program that (A) has  
325 more than seventy-five per cent of the total school enrollment from one  
326 school district, or (B) does not maintain a total school enrollment that is  
327 in accordance with the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet  
328 school programs, developed by the Commissioner of Education  
329 pursuant to section 10-264r, except the commissioner may award a grant  
330 to such school for an additional year or years if the commissioner finds  
331 it is appropriate to do so and approves a plan to bring such school into

332 compliance with such residency or enrollment standards.

333 (4) For the fiscal [years] year ending June 30, 2018, [to June 30, 2025,  
334 inclusive] and each fiscal year thereafter, if an interdistrict magnet  
335 school program does not maintain a total school enrollment that is in  
336 accordance with the enrollment standards for interdistrict magnet  
337 school programs, developed by the commissioner pursuant to section  
338 10-264r, for two or more consecutive years, the commissioner may  
339 impose a financial penalty on the operator of such interdistrict magnet  
340 school program, or take any other measure, in consultation with such  
341 operator, as may be appropriate to assist such operator in complying  
342 with such enrollment standards.

343 (5) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and each fiscal year  
344 thereafter, for the purposes of equalization aid under section 10-262h, a  
345 student enrolled in an interdistrict magnet school program shall be  
346 counted as a resident student, as defined in section 10-262f, of the town  
347 in which such student resides.

348 Sec. 10. Subsection (i) of section 10-266aa of the general statutes is  
349 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
350 *2025*):

351 (i) (1) In the case of an out-of-district student who requires special  
352 education and related services, the sending district shall pay the  
353 receiving district an amount equal to the difference between the  
354 reasonable cost of providing such special education and related services  
355 to such student and the amount received by the receiving district  
356 pursuant to subsection (g) of this section and in the case of students  
357 participating pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, the per pupil  
358 amount received pursuant to section 10-74d. The sending district shall  
359 be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section 10-76g. The receiving  
360 district shall (A) hold the planning and placement team meeting for each  
361 out-of-district student who requires special education and related  
362 services and invite representatives from the sending district to  
363 participate in such meeting, and (B) ensure that such students receive

364 the services mandated by the student's individualized education  
365 program whether such services are provided by the sending district or  
366 the receiving district.

367 (2) In the case of a student with a plan pursuant to Section 504 of the  
368 Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to time, the receiving  
369 district shall (A) ensure that such student receives the services  
370 mandated by the student's plan, and (B) pay for the costs of providing  
371 such services to such student.

372 Sec. 11. Subsection (f) of section 13 of public act 23-205 is repealed and  
373 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

374 (f) For the Department of Education:

375 (1) Grants-in-aid to local and regional boards of education to assist  
376 targeted local and regional school districts for alterations, repairs,  
377 improvements, technology and equipment in low-performing schools,  
378 not exceeding \$5,000,000;

379 (2) Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers and  
380 Goodwin University Education Services for capital expenses at  
381 interdistrict magnet schools, not exceeding \$8,500,000.

382 Sec. 12. Subsection (e) of section 32 of public act 23-205 is repealed  
383 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

384 (e) For the Department of Education:

385 (1) Grants-in-aid to local and regional boards of education to assist  
386 targeted local and regional school districts for alterations, repairs,  
387 improvements, technology and equipment in low-performing schools,  
388 not exceeding \$5,000,000;

389 (2) Grants-in-aid to regional educational service centers and  
390 Goodwin University Education Services for capital expenses at  
391 interdistrict magnet schools, not exceeding \$12,500,000.

392 Sec. 13. Section 10-264i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
393 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

394 (a) (1) The following entities shall be eligible, pursuant to section 10-  
395 264e, to receive a transportation grant for the cost of transporting a child  
396 to an interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l,  
397 as amended by this act, located in a town other than the town in which  
398 such child resides: (A) A local or regional board of education, (B) a  
399 regional educational service center, (C) the Board of Trustees of the  
400 Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of Quinebaug Valley  
401 Community College and Three Rivers Community College, (D) a  
402 cooperative arrangement pursuant to section 10-158a, [or] and (E) to  
403 assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant to the decision in  
404 *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related stipulation or order  
405 in effect, as determined by the Commissioner of Education, (i) the Board  
406 of Trustees of the Community-Technical Colleges on behalf of a regional  
407 community-technical college, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the  
408 Connecticut State University System on behalf of a state university, (iii)  
409 the Board of Trustees for The University of Connecticut on behalf of the  
410 university, (iv) the board of governors for an independent institution of  
411 higher education, as defined in subsection (a) of section 10a-173, or the  
412 equivalent of such a board, on behalf of the independent institution of  
413 higher education, and (v) any other third-party not-for-profit  
414 corporation approved by the commissioner. [which transports a child to  
415 an interdistrict magnet school program, as defined in section 10-264l, in  
416 a town other than the town in which the child resides shall be eligible  
417 pursuant to section 10-264e to receive a grant for the cost of transporting  
418 such child in accordance with this section.]

419 (2) Except as provided in [subdivisions] subdivision (3) [and (4)] of  
420 this subsection, the amount of such transportation grant shall not exceed  
421 an amount equal to the number of such children transported multiplied  
422 by one thousand three hundred dollars.

423 (3) For districts assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant  
424 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related

425 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, (A)  
426 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the amount of such  
427 transportation grant shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of  
428 such children transported multiplied by one thousand four hundred  
429 dollars, and (B) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011, and each fiscal  
430 year thereafter, the amount of such transportation grant shall not exceed  
431 an amount equal to the number of such children transported multiplied  
432 by two thousand dollars. For regional educational service centers  
433 located in the Sheff region, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, and  
434 each fiscal year thereafter, the amount of such transportation grant shall  
435 equal the cost of reasonable transportation services, subject to a  
436 comprehensive financial audit and documentation process pursuant to  
437 subdivision (4) of this subsection.

438 (4) [In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this  
439 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental  
440 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the  
441 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such  
442 grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the  
443 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict magnet  
444 school transportation budget for a regional educational service center,  
445 including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal years  
446 ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, in addition to the grants  
447 otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of  
448 Education may provide supplemental transportation to interdistrict  
449 magnet schools that assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant  
450 to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related  
451 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner. Any  
452 such grant] Any transportation grant to a regional educational service  
453 center located in the Sheff region pursuant to subdivision (3) of this  
454 subsection shall be provided [within available appropriations and]  
455 upon a comprehensive financial review, by an auditor selected by the  
456 Commissioner of Education, the costs of such review may be paid from  
457 funds that are part of the [supplemental] transportation grant. [Any  
458 such grant shall be paid as follows: For the fiscal year ending June 30,

2021, up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal year, and the balance on or before September first of the following fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review, provided any unpaid balance of eligible transportation costs incurred on or before December thirty-first of the fiscal year based on documentation, including, but not limited to, vendor bills dated on or before February first of the fiscal year, and any unpaid balance of eligible transportation costs incurred on or before March thirty-first of the fiscal year based on documentation, including, but not limited to, vendor bills on or before May first of the fiscal year, and the balance of the grant on or before September first of the following fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, up to one hundred per cent of the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal year and any remaining balance on or before September first of the following fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review. If, upon completion of the comprehensive financial review, the commissioner determines that there was an overpayment of the grant in the prior fiscal year, such funds shall be refunded to the department.] For the fiscal year ending June 30, [2023] 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, [up] any such transportation grant shall be paid as follows: Up to ninety-five per cent of the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal year based on documentation provided prior to May thirty-first of the fiscal year, with an amount equal to one-half of the total estimated transportation cost on or before October thirty-first of the fiscal year, and the remaining total balance on or before [September] March first of the following fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review. If, upon completion of the comprehensive financial review, the commissioner determines there was an overpayment of the grant in the prior fiscal year, such funds shall be refunded to the department.

(5) [The] Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, the Department of Education shall provide such grants within available appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent a local or regional board of education, regional educational service



center or cooperative arrangement from receiving reimbursement under section 10-266m for reasonable transportation expenses for which such board, service center or cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed pursuant to this section.

(b) Grants under this section shall be contingent on documented costs of providing such transportation. [Eligible entities] Each eligible entity identified in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall submit [applications for grants under] an application to receive a transportation grant pursuant to this section to the Commissioner of Education in such form and at such times as [he] the commissioner prescribes. [Grants] Except as provided in subdivision (4) of subsection (a) of this section, grants pursuant to this section shall be paid as follows: [In October one-half] One-half of the estimated eligible transportation costs on or before October thirty-first and the balance of such costs [in] on or before May thirty-first.

(c) Each eligible entity identified in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section participating in the transportation grant program shall prepare a financial statement of expenditures which shall be submitted to the Department of Education on or before September first of the fiscal year immediately following each fiscal year in which the school district, regional educational service center or cooperative arrangement participates in the transportation grant program. Based on such statement, any underpayment or overpayment may be calculated and adjusted by the Department of Education in the transportation grant for any subsequent year.

Sec. 14. Section 10-145r of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

[For the school year commencing July 1, 2014, and biennially thereafter, the local or regional board of education that employs a certified individual who holds an initial, provisional or professional educator certificate with an early childhood nursery through grade three or an elementary endorsement in a position requiring such an

525 endorsement in kindergarten to grade three, inclusive, shall require  
526 each such certified individual to take a survey on reading instruction,  
527 developed by the Department of Education that is based on the reading  
528 instruction examination approved by the State Board of Education on  
529 April 1, 2009, or a comparable reading instruction examination with  
530 minimum standards that are equivalent to the examination approved by  
531 the State Board of Education on April 1, 2009. The department shall  
532 design such survey in a manner that identifies the strengths and  
533 weaknesses of such certified individuals in reading instruction practices  
534 and knowledge on an individual, school and district level. Such survey  
535 shall be administered at no financial cost to such certified individual.  
536 The results of such survey shall be confidential and shall not be included  
537 as part of any summative ratings for performance evaluations,  
538 conducted pursuant to section 10-151b, and not be subject to disclosure  
539 under the Freedom of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200,  
540 except such results shall be (1) distributed to such certified individual  
541 and the supervisor of such certified individual who is responsible for  
542 designing and facilitating the program of professional development  
543 conducted pursuant to section 10-148b for such certified individual, and  
544 (2) used for the purpose of improving reading instruction by developing  
545 student learning objectives and teacher practice goals that will be  
546 included in the professional development conducted pursuant to  
547 section 10-148b for such certified individuals.] The results from any  
548 survey on reading instruction developed by the Department of  
549 Education and administered from the school year commencing July 1,  
550 2014, to the school year commencing July 1, 2024, inclusive, shall be  
551 confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of  
552 Information Act, as defined in section 1-200.

553 Sec. 15. Section 10-145o of the general statutes, as amended by section  
554 58 of public act 23-167, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
555 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

556 (a) The Department of Education, with cooperation from local and  
557 regional school districts, regional educational service centers,

558 representatives of the exclusive bargaining representative for certified  
559 employees chosen pursuant to section 10-153b, and public institutions  
560 of higher education, shall establish and administer a teacher education  
561 and mentoring program that includes guided teacher support and  
562 coaching and the completion of instructional modules, pursuant to  
563 subsection (e) of this section, for beginning teachers. The program shall  
564 be aligned with the principles of teaching approved by the State Board  
565 of Education. As part of the program, each beginning teacher shall  
566 develop a two-year individualized mentoring plan.

567 (b) In administering the teacher education and mentoring program  
568 under this section:

569 (1) The Department of Education shall (A) develop a statement for  
570 the teacher education and mentoring program that includes the state's  
571 goals for state-wide teacher induction, mentoring, professional  
572 development and evaluation, using state-wide data and national  
573 research findings; (B) distribute state funding to local and regional  
574 school districts to assist with implementation of district teacher  
575 education and mentoring plans; (C) manage and make accessible to local  
576 and regional school districts the data systems needed to document that  
577 teachers and mentors have satisfactorily completed the instructional  
578 modules; (D) monitor district implementation of the teacher education  
579 and mentoring program to ensure fidelity to the program's plan and  
580 goals, including random district audits and observations by state  
581 personnel; (E) issue [provisional] professional educator certificates to  
582 teachers [that] who have satisfactorily completed the induction program  
583 and the other requirements set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection (g)  
584 of section 10-145b; (F) develop guidelines for the creation and approval  
585 of district teacher education and mentoring plans, based on input and  
586 recommendations from stakeholder groups; and (G) oversee an outside  
587 evaluation of the teacher education and mentoring program every three  
588 to five years;

589 (2) The Department of Education, in collaboration with EASTCONN,  
590 the RESC Alliance, institutions of higher education and other

591 stakeholders, shall (A) develop instructional modules for beginning  
592 teachers to complete; (B) train mentors to carry out responsibilities at  
593 the district level; (C) provide professional development and training for  
594 regional mentors working at the district level; (D) provide professional  
595 development and training for district teams and principals in managing,  
596 designing and administering teacher education and mentoring plans;  
597 and (E) provide technical assistance to districts based on district size and  
598 needs;

599 (3) The Department of Education and public institutions of higher  
600 education shall (A) work with regional educational service centers to  
601 align modules with National Council for Accreditation of Teacher  
602 Education approved preservice teacher preparation programs; (B)  
603 develop and deliver regional strategies for supporting mentor  
604 assistance programs; and (C) train cooperating teachers to work with  
605 teacher preparation candidates during student teaching and  
606 internships;

607 (4) Local and regional boards of education shall (A) develop a three-  
608 year teacher education and mentoring plan in accordance with  
609 subsection (c) of this section; (B) form a local or regional coordinating  
610 committee or committees, with representatives of the exclusive  
611 bargaining representative for certified employees chosen pursuant to  
612 section 10-153b, based on district size, to guide the activities outlined in  
613 the three-year teacher education and mentoring plan; (C) develop an  
614 annual budget to support the activities detailed in the three-year teacher  
615 education and mentoring plan and submit such budget annually to the  
616 Department of Education to receive state assistance for such activities;  
617 (D) recruit and pair mentors from within and outside of the district to  
618 work with beginning teachers; (E) ensure substitute teacher coverage for  
619 mentors and beginning teachers to participate in the activities and  
620 modules required in the three-year teacher education and mentoring  
621 plan; (F) communicate regularly with beginning teachers about training  
622 opportunities, state-wide workshops and support group work; (G)  
623 coordinate the teacher education and mentoring program and teacher

624 evaluation and supervision program, provided they are kept separate;  
625 (H) verify, through the local or regional coordinating committee, that  
626 the work of beginning teachers and instructional modules has been  
627 successfully completed; [to warrant provisional certification;] (I) when  
628 a beginning teacher has satisfactorily completed all modules, attest to  
629 that fact and that the teacher is eligible for [provisional certification]  
630 professional certification upon completion of the other requirements set  
631 forth in subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of section 10-145b; and (J)  
632 ensure that schools under the board's jurisdiction (i) administer the  
633 state's on-line needs assessment to establish the goals and priorities of  
634 each beginning teacher as such teacher develops an individualized  
635 mentoring plan, (ii) review and approve beginning teachers'  
636 individualized, two-year mentoring plan, (iii) organize mentoring  
637 opportunities by grade, department or specialty area, (iv) take steps to  
638 make time available, as needed, to help teachers achieve the goals of  
639 their mentoring plans, (v) coordinate the activities and schedules of  
640 mentors and beginning teachers to ensure faithful implementation of  
641 the district plan, and (vi) submit annual report on mentor-teacher  
642 activities to the district coordinating committee for review and  
643 approval.

644 (c) Local and regional school districts shall develop a three-year  
645 teacher education and mentoring plan that incorporates the Department  
646 of Education's goals and instructional priorities, as well as any local  
647 considerations based on community and student needs. Such plan shall  
648 include: (1) Background information about the district that includes a  
649 community profile, district profile, student profile, faculty profile,  
650 mentor profile and beginning teacher profile; (2) a statement of three-  
651 year objectives related to the state's goal statement for the teacher  
652 education and mentoring program; (3) a general timeline for district  
653 coordinating teams to meet with central office personnel, principals,  
654 mentors or district facilitators; (4) a description of the process used to  
655 select mentors and assign them to beginning teachers, based on subject  
656 areas, levels and need; (5) a description of the process used to train and  
657 update mentors in best practices and essential knowledge; (6) a timeline

658 of district-wide mentoring days for observations, individual discussion,  
659 small group meetings, professional development days, regional  
660 educational service center training sessions and beginning teachers'  
661 completion of tasks associated with each module; (7) a description of the  
662 process used to collect, review and coordinate teachers' mentoring  
663 plans; (8) a description of the process to resolve internal disputes over  
664 the district's recommendations to the state concerning which  
665 individuals have satisfactorily completed the instructional modules;  
666 and (9) a description of the resources and budget needed to carry out  
667 the activities described in the plan.

668 (d) Local and regional boards of education shall not consider a  
669 teacher's completion of the teacher education and mentoring program  
670 as a factor in its decision to continue a teacher's employment in the  
671 district.

672 (e) (1) Beginning teachers shall satisfactorily complete instructional  
673 modules in the following areas: (A) Classroom management and  
674 climate, which shall include training regarding the prevention,  
675 identification and response to bullying, as defined in section 10-222aa,  
676 and the prevention of and response to youth suicide; (B) lesson planning  
677 and unit design; (C) delivering instruction; (D) assessing student  
678 learning; and (E) professional practice. Beginning teachers shall  
679 complete two modules in their first year in the program and three  
680 modules in their second year in the program, except as otherwise  
681 provided by the Commissioner of Education, or as provided for in  
682 subsection (h) of this section.

683 (2) Beginning teachers shall work with their mentors in developing a  
684 planned set of activities, based on the topics offered within each  
685 instructional module, to complete each such instructional module, and  
686 such activities shall be reflected in the beginning teacher needs  
687 assessment. Such activities may be presented in person by mentors,  
688 offered in workshops, through on-line courses or through the  
689 completion of a set of readings. For each instructional module,  
690 beginning teachers shall (A) apply the knowledge gained through such

691 activities in a lesson, project or demonstration of how the activity  
692 impacted student learning, and (B) submit a reflection paper or project,  
693 to be signed by the mentor, that summarizes, describes or analyzes what  
694 has been learned by the beginning teacher and their students  
695 throughout the module and how the learning contributed to the  
696 development of such beginning teacher. Such reflection paper or project  
697 shall be forwarded to the district's coordinating committee for approval.

698 (3) Upon successful completion of the instructional modules and final  
699 review by the coordinating committee, the superintendent of the school  
700 district shall submit to the State Board of Education the names of the  
701 beginning teachers eligible for receipt of a [provisional] professional  
702 educator certificate [to the State Board of Education] upon completion  
703 of the other requirements set forth in subdivision (3) of subsection (g) of  
704 section 10-145b.

705 (f) Local and regional boards of education, in cooperation with the  
706 Department of Education, institutions of higher education and regional  
707 educational service centers, shall recruit mentors for their teacher  
708 education and mentoring program. Those persons eligible to serve as  
709 mentors for such programs shall hold a [provisional educator certificate  
710 or a] professional educator certificate [.] or a distinguished educator  
711 designation pursuant to section 10-145s, and have at least three years  
712 teaching experience in Connecticut, including at least one year of  
713 experience in the district in which they are presently employed. Retired  
714 certified teachers may also serve as mentors, provided they successfully  
715 complete a mentor training program offered by a regional educational  
716 service center. Each mentor shall be assigned two beginning teachers,  
717 except that in certain circumstances, a mentor may be assigned three  
718 beginning teachers. Such assignment shall be reflected in each district's  
719 three-year plan. Each mentor shall provide fifty contact hours to each  
720 beginning teacher during the program, with the expectation of  
721 approximately ten contact hours per module. Mentors shall receive a  
722 minimum of a five-hundred-dollar annual stipend for each beginning  
723 teacher assigned to such mentor from the local or regional board of

724 education for participation in the teacher education and mentoring  
725 program. Such stipend shall be included in a person's total earnings for  
726 purposes of retirement.

727 (g) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (h) of this section,  
728 for the school year commencing July 1, 2010, beginning teachers who  
729 hold an initial educator certificate and have not participated in any  
730 beginning educator program as of July 1, 2009, shall participate in the  
731 teacher education and mentoring programs as follows:

732 (1) Beginning teachers in the following subject areas and  
733 endorsement areas shall be required to successfully complete the  
734 teacher education and mentoring program in full: Elementary  
735 education, English and language arts, mathematics, science, social  
736 studies, special education, bilingual education, music, physical  
737 education, visual arts, world languages and teachers of English as a  
738 second language.

739 (2) Beginning teachers in any other endorsement area and whose  
740 primary function is providing direct instruction to students shall be  
741 required to successfully complete one year of mentorship and two  
742 instructional modules.

743 (h) Teachers who began in a beginning educator program, pursuant  
744 to section 10-145b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
745 January 1, 2009, but have not completed that program as of July 1, 2009,  
746 and teach during the 2009-2010 school year, shall be granted a one-year  
747 extension of their initial educator certificates, if necessary, and shall  
748 participate in the teacher education and mentoring program, pursuant  
749 to this section, through the completion of two instructional modules  
750 during the 2010-2011 school year. Such teachers shall exit the program  
751 at the end of the 2010-2011 school year upon the successful completion  
752 of the two instructional modules.

753 (i) The Department of Education, in consultation with EASTCONN,  
754 shall create a data system for local and regional school districts to access



755 the resources and record-keeping tools to manage the teacher education  
756 and mentoring program at the local level. Such data system shall include  
757 (1) templates for (A) writing and updating each district's plan, (B)  
758 recording each teacher's completion of each of the five instructional  
759 modules, and (C) teachers to record the completion of instructional  
760 module activities and submit written reflection papers or projects, and  
761 (2) links to on-line programs or workshops that are part of the five  
762 modules.

763 (j) Not later than July 1, 2010, the State Board of Education shall adopt  
764 guidelines to provide for the implementation of the teacher education  
765 and mentoring program in accordance with this section and the Report  
766 of the Beginning Educator Support and Training Program  
767 (BEST)/Mentor Assistance Program (MAP) Task Force dated December  
768 29, 2008.

769 Sec. 16. Section 10-91j of the general statutes is repealed and the  
770 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

771 (a) Any agreement entered into or amended on or after July 1, 2018,  
772 but prior to June 30, 2019, or any contract entered into or amended on  
773 or after July 1, 2019, pursuant to section 10-76d, between a local or  
774 regional board of education and a private provider of special education  
775 services, as defined in section 10-91g, shall include an explanation of  
776 how the tuition or costs for services provided under the agreement or  
777 contract are to be calculated. Any such agreement or contract may  
778 include the following provisions: (1) A requirement that such private  
779 provider of special education services submit monthly or quarterly  
780 reports to such board regarding the specific services and frequency of  
781 such services being provided by such private provider of special  
782 education services to students under the agreement or contract, and (2)  
783 authorization for such board to (A) review and reconcile such reports to  
784 the contracted services described in the agreement or contract, or (B)  
785 conduct periodic site visits at the location where such private provider  
786 of special education services provides services.

787 (b) On and after July 1, 2019, a local or regional board of education  
788 shall not be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to subsection (b) of  
789 section 10-76g for any costs of special education paid by such board of  
790 education to a private provider of special education services unless such  
791 board of education has entered into a written contract with such private  
792 provider of special education services for the provision of such special  
793 education services. The individualized education program of a child  
794 shall not be considered a contract between a local or regional board of  
795 education and a private provider of special education services for  
796 purposes of this section. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed  
797 to limit or interrupt the provision of special education and related  
798 services to a child by a local or regional board of education or private  
799 provider of special education services.

800 (c) Any written contract entered into or amended on or after July 1,  
801 2025, between a local or regional board of education and a private  
802 provider of special education services shall include a provision that  
803 requires such private provider of special education services to submit a  
804 base tuition and cost for services for each school year in which services  
805 are to be provided pursuant to such contract to such local or regional  
806 board of education not later than December thirty-first preceding the  
807 school year in which services are to be provided.

808 Sec. 17. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Each regional educational  
809 resource center providing special education services for a local or  
810 regional board of education shall submit a base tuition and cost for  
811 services for each school year in which services are to be provided for  
812 such local or regional board of education not later than December thirty-  
813 first preceding the school year in which services are to be provided.

814 Sec. 18. Section 10-95r of the general statutes is repealed and the  
815 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

816 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be under the  
817 direction of the executive director of the Technical Education and Career  
818 System, whose appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such

819 appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5  
820 to 4-8, inclusive. Any person appointed to be the executive director shall  
821 have experience with educational systems. The executive director of the  
822 Technical Education and Career System shall be responsible for the  
823 operation, supervision and administration and the financial  
824 accountability and oversight of the Technical Education and Career  
825 System in matters relating to the central office, system-wide  
826 management and other noneducational matters. The executive director  
827 shall organize the Technical Education and Career System into such  
828 bureaus, divisions and other units as may be necessary for the efficient  
829 conduct of the business of the system, and may, from time to time,  
830 create, abolish, transfer or consolidate within the system any bureau,  
831 division or other unit as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of  
832 the business of the system. The executive director may appoint, and may  
833 prescribe the duties of any subordinates, agents and employees as he or  
834 she finds necessary in the conduct of the system.

835 (b) The executive director shall review and approve all contracts for  
836 the Technical Education and Career System.

837 (c) The executive director may enter into cooperative arrangements  
838 with local and regional boards of education, [private career schools] a  
839 nonprofit training institute in the state that provides training in the  
840 building trades to underserved populations, institutions of higher  
841 education, job training agencies and employers in order to provide (1)  
842 general education, (2) vocational, technical, technological or  
843 postsecondary education, and (3) work experience.

844 (d) The executive director may, upon approval of the board, accept  
845 gifts, grants and donations on behalf of the system, including, but not  
846 limited to, in-kind donations, designated for the purchase of equipment  
847 or materials, the hiring of teachers at a technical education and career  
848 school or the acquisition of real property and the construction of  
849 facilities, except no employee of the system may accept any gift, grant  
850 or donation as an individual, or on behalf of the system, that is for  
851 personal use. Any gift, grant or donation accepted on behalf of the

852 system shall be in accordance with the state code of ethics for public  
853 officials set forth in chapter 10. The executive director shall submit  
854 quarterly reports to the Office of Policy and Management concerning all  
855 gifts, grants or donations received pursuant to this subsection.

856 (e) The executive director shall ensure that the superintendent of the  
857 Technical Education and Career System establishes a master schedule  
858 for the Technical Education and Career System and may amend such  
859 master schedule from time to time.

860 (f) The executive director shall communicate directly with the  
861 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management when requesting the  
862 creation or filling of staff positions included in the operating budget for  
863 the Technical Education and Career System. When reviewing such  
864 requests, priority shall be given to any request for instructional staff, as  
865 identified in the statement of staffing needs submitted by the  
866 superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System pursuant  
867 to section 10-99g, and every effort shall be made to avoid interruption  
868 to instructional time during such review. The secretary shall review and  
869 approve a request for the filling of instructional staff positions not later  
870 than thirty days after the date the statement of staffing needs is  
871 submitted for such positions by the superintendent.

872 (g) If the New England Association of Schools and Colleges places a  
873 technical education and career school on probation or otherwise notifies  
874 the superintendent of the Technical Education and Career System that a  
875 technical education and career school is at risk of losing its accreditation,  
876 the executive director shall notify the Commissioner of Education and  
877 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
878 cognizance of matters relating to education of such placement or  
879 problems relating to accreditation.

880 Sec. 19. Subsections (d) and (e) of section 10-212a of the general  
881 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
882 (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

883 (d) (1) (A) With the written authorization of a student's parent or  
884 guardian, and (B) pursuant to the written order of a qualified medical  
885 professional, a school nurse and a school medical advisor, if any, may  
886 jointly approve and provide general supervision to an identified  
887 paraeducator to administer medication, including, but not limited to,  
888 medication administered with a cartridge injector, to a specific student  
889 with a medically diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt  
890 treatment in order to protect the student against serious harm or death.  
891 Each such paraeducator and any qualified school employee authorized  
892 to administer epinephrine in the absence of a school nurse pursuant to  
893 policies and procedures adopted by a board of education in accordance  
894 with subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall annually  
895 complete the training program described in section 10-212g.

896 (2) A school nurse or, in the absence of a school nurse, a qualified  
897 school employee shall maintain epinephrine [in cartridge injectors] for  
898 the purpose of emergency first aid to students who experience allergic  
899 reactions and do not have a prior written authorization of a parent or  
900 guardian or a prior written order of a qualified medical professional for  
901 the administration of epinephrine. A school nurse or a school principal  
902 shall select qualified school employees to administer such epinephrine  
903 under this subdivision, and there shall be at least one such qualified  
904 school employee on the grounds of the school during regular school  
905 hours in the absence of a school nurse. A school nurse or, in the absence  
906 of such school nurse, such qualified school employee may administer  
907 such epinephrine under this subdivision, provided such administration  
908 of epinephrine is in accordance with policies and procedures adopted  
909 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such administration of  
910 epinephrine by a qualified school employee shall be limited to situations  
911 when the school nurse is absent or unavailable. No qualified school  
912 employee shall administer such epinephrine under this subdivision  
913 unless such qualified school employee annually completes the training  
914 program described in section 10-212g. The parent or guardian of a  
915 student may submit, in writing, to the school nurse and school medical  
916 advisor, if any, that epinephrine shall not be administered to such

917 student under this subdivision.

918 (3) In the case of a student with a medically diagnosed life-  
919 threatening allergic condition, (A) with the written authorization of  
920 such student's parent or guardian, and (B) pursuant to the written order  
921 of a qualified medical professional, such student may possess, self-  
922 administer or possess and self-administer medication, including, but  
923 not limited to, medication administered with a cartridge injector, to  
924 protect such student against serious harm or death.

925 (4) For purposes of this subsection, (A) ["cartridge injector"]  
926 "epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar  
927 automatic injectable equipment, a nasal spray or any other medical  
928 equipment approved by the United States Food and Drug  
929 Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a standard dose  
930 for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions, (B) "qualified  
931 school employee" means a principal, teacher, licensed athletic trainer,  
932 licensed physical or occupational therapist employed by a school  
933 district, coach or paraeducator, and (C) "qualified medical professional"  
934 means (i) a physician licensed under chapter 370, (ii) an optometrist  
935 licensed to practice optometry under chapter 380, (iii) an advanced  
936 practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with  
937 section 20-94a, or (iv) a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in  
938 accordance with section 20-12d.

939 (e) (1) With the written authorization of a student's parent or  
940 guardian, and (2) pursuant to a written order of the student's physician  
941 licensed under chapter 370 or the student's advanced practice registered  
942 nurse licensed under chapter 378, a school nurse or a school principal  
943 shall select, and a school nurse shall provide general supervision to, a  
944 qualified school employee to administer medication with [injectable]  
945 equipment used to administer glucagon to a student with diabetes that  
946 may require prompt treatment in order to protect the student against  
947 serious harm or death. Such authorization shall be limited to situations  
948 when the school nurse is absent or unavailable. No qualified school  
949 employee shall administer medication under this subsection unless (A)

950 such qualified school employee annually completes any training  
951 required by the school nurse and school medical advisor, if any, in the  
952 administration of medication with [injectable] equipment used to  
953 administer glucagon, (B) the school nurse and school medical advisor,  
954 if any, have attested, in writing, that such qualified school employee has  
955 completed such training, and (C) such qualified school employee  
956 voluntarily agrees to serve as a qualified school employee. For purposes  
957 of this subsection, ["injectable equipment used to administer glucagon"]  
958 "equipment used to administer glucagon" means an injector or injectable  
959 equipment, nasal spray or any other medical equipment approved by  
960 the United States Food and Drug Administration that is used to deliver  
961 glucagon in an appropriate dose for emergency first aid response to  
962 diabetes. For purposes of this subsection, "qualified school employee"  
963 means a principal, teacher, licensed athletic trainer, licensed physical or  
964 occupational therapist employed by a school district, coach or  
965 paraeducator.

966 Sec. 20. Subsection (a) of section 19a-79 of the general statutes is  
967 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
968 *2025*):

969 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall adopt regulations, in  
970 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the purposes  
971 of sections 19a-77 to 19a-80, inclusive, and 19a-82 to 19a-87, inclusive,  
972 and to assure that child care centers and group child care homes meet  
973 the health, educational and social needs of children utilizing such child  
974 care centers and group child care homes. Such regulations shall (1)  
975 specify that before being permitted to attend any child care center or  
976 group child care home, each child shall be protected as age-appropriate  
977 by adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus,  
978 poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, haemophilus influenzae type B  
979 and any other vaccine required by the schedule of active immunization  
980 adopted pursuant to section 19a-7f, (2) specify conditions under which  
981 child care center directors and teachers and group child care home  
982 providers may administer tests to monitor glucose levels in a child with

983 diagnosed diabetes mellitus, and administer medicinal preparations,  
984 including controlled drugs specified in the regulations by the  
985 commissioner, to a child receiving child care services at such child care  
986 center or group child care home pursuant to the written order of a  
987 physician licensed to practice medicine or a dentist licensed to practice  
988 dental medicine in this or another state, or an advanced practice  
989 registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-94a,  
990 or a physician assistant licensed to prescribe in accordance with section  
991 20-12d, and the written authorization of a parent or guardian of such  
992 child, (3) specify that an operator of a child care center or group child  
993 care home, licensed before January 1, 1986, or an operator who receives  
994 a license after January 1, 1986, for a facility licensed prior to January 1,  
995 1986, shall provide a minimum of thirty square feet per child of total  
996 indoor usable space, free of furniture except that needed for the  
997 children's purposes, exclusive of toilet rooms, bathrooms, coatrooms,  
998 kitchens, halls, isolation room or other rooms used for purposes other  
999 than the activities of the children, (4) specify that a child care center or  
1000 group child care home licensed after January 1, 1986, shall provide  
1001 thirty-five square feet per child of total indoor usable space, (5) establish  
1002 appropriate child care center staffing requirements for employees  
1003 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation by the American Red Cross,  
1004 the American Heart Association, the National Safety Council, American  
1005 Safety and Health Institute, Medic First Aid International, Inc. or an  
1006 organization using guidelines for cardiopulmonary resuscitation and  
1007 emergency cardiovascular care published by the American Heart  
1008 Association and International Liaison Committee on Resuscitation, (6)  
1009 specify that a child care center or group child care home (A) shall not  
1010 deny services to a child on the basis of a child's known or suspected  
1011 allergy or because a child has a prescription for an automatic prefilled  
1012 cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray  
1013 or any other medical equipment approved by the United States Food  
1014 and Drug Administration that is used to treat an allergic reaction, or for  
1015 injectable equipment, nasal spray or any other medical equipment  
1016 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration that is  
1017 used to administer glucagon, (B) shall, not later than three weeks after



1018 such child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff trained in  
1019 the use of such equipment on-site during all hours when such a child is  
1020 on-site, (C) shall require such child's parent or guardian to provide the  
1021 [injector or injectable] equipment and a copy of the prescription for such  
1022 medication [and injector or injectable equipment] upon enrollment of  
1023 such child, and (D) shall require a parent or guardian enrolling such a  
1024 child to replace such medication and equipment prior to its expiration  
1025 date, (7) specify that a child care center or group child care home (A)  
1026 shall not deny services to a child on the basis of a child's diagnosis of  
1027 asthma or because a child has a prescription for an inhalant medication  
1028 to treat asthma, and (B) shall, not later than three weeks after such  
1029 child's enrollment in such a center or home, have staff trained in the  
1030 administration of such medication on-site during all hours when such a  
1031 child is on-site, (8) establish physical plant requirements for licensed  
1032 child care centers and licensed group child care homes that exclusively  
1033 serve school-age children, (9) specify that a child care center or group  
1034 child care home shall immediately notify the parent or guardian of a  
1035 child enrolled in such center or home if such child exhibits or develops  
1036 an illness or is injured while in the care of such center or home, (10)  
1037 specify that a child care center or group child care home shall create a  
1038 written record of any such illness or injury, which shall, (A) include, but  
1039 not be limited to, (i) a description of such illness or injury, (ii) the date,  
1040 time of occurrence and location of such illness or injury, (iii) any  
1041 responsive action taken by an employee of such center or home, and (iv)  
1042 whether such child was transported to a hospital emergency room,  
1043 doctor's office or other medical facility as a result of such illness or  
1044 injury, (B) be provided to the parent or guardian of such child not later  
1045 than the next business day, and (C) be maintained by such center or  
1046 home for a period of not less than two years and be made immediately  
1047 available upon the request of the Office of Early Childhood, and (11)  
1048 specify that a child care center or group child care home shall maintain  
1049 any video recordings created at such center or home for a period of not  
1050 less than thirty days, and make such recordings immediately available  
1051 upon the request of the Office of Early Childhood. When establishing  
1052 such requirements, the Office of Early Childhood shall give

1053 consideration to child care centers and group child care homes that are  
1054 located in private or public school buildings. With respect to  
1055 subdivision (8) of this subsection, the commissioner shall implement  
1056 policies and procedures necessary to implement the physical plant  
1057 requirements established pursuant to this subdivision while in the  
1058 process of adopting such policies and procedures in regulation form.  
1059 Until replaced by policies and procedures implemented pursuant to this  
1060 subdivision, any physical plant requirement specified in the office's  
1061 regulations that is generally applicable to child care centers and group  
1062 child care homes shall continue to be applicable to such centers and  
1063 homes that exclusively serve school-age children. The commissioner  
1064 shall post notice of the intent to adopt regulations pursuant to this  
1065 subdivision on the eRegulations System not later than twenty days after  
1066 the date of implementation of such policies and procedures. Policies and  
1067 procedures implemented pursuant to this subdivision shall be valid  
1068 until the time final regulations are adopted. For purposes of this  
1069 subsection, "illness" means fever, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, headache,  
1070 persistent coughing, persistent crying or any other condition deemed an  
1071 illness by the Commissioner of Early Childhood.

1072 Sec. 21. Section 10-220i of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1073 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1074 No local or regional board of education shall deny a student access to  
1075 school transportation solely due to such student's need to carry [a  
1076 cartridge injector] epinephrine while traveling on a vehicle used for  
1077 school transportation. For purposes of this section, ["cartridge injector"]  
1078 "epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar  
1079 automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray or any other medical  
1080 equipment approved by the United States Food and Drug  
1081 Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a standard dose  
1082 for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions.

1083 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 14-276b of the general statutes is  
1084 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
1085 *2025*):

1086 (c) The training required under this section shall include, but need  
1087 not be limited to, instruction on (1) the identification of the signs and  
1088 symptoms of anaphylaxis, (2) the administration of epinephrine by a  
1089 cartridge injector, nasal spray and any other medical equipment  
1090 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the  
1091 administration of epinephrine, (3) the notification of emergency  
1092 personnel, and (4) the reporting of an incident involving a student and  
1093 a life-threatening allergic reaction. Such training may be completed  
1094 using an online module, provided such online module meets the  
1095 requirements of this section.

1096 Sec. 23. Section 19a-900 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1097 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1098 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1099 (1) "Before or after school program" means any educational or  
1100 recreational program for children administered in any building or on  
1101 the grounds of any school by a local or regional board of education or  
1102 other municipal agency, before or after regular school hours, or both,  
1103 but does not include a program that is licensed by the Department of  
1104 Public Health;

1105 (2) ["Cartridge injector"] "Epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled  
1106 cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray  
1107 or any other medical equipment approved by the United States Food  
1108 and Drug Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a  
1109 standard dose for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions;

1110 (3) "Day camp" means any recreational camp program operated by a  
1111 municipal agency; and

1112 (4) "Child care facility" means any child care center or group child  
1113 care home, as described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of  
1114 section 19a-77, that is excluded from the licensing requirements of  
1115 sections 19a-77 to 19a-87, inclusive, by subsection (b) of section 19a-77.

1116 (b) Upon the request and with the written authorization of the parent  
1117 or guardian of a child attending any before or after school program, day  
1118 camp or child care facility, and pursuant to the written order of (1) a  
1119 physician licensed to practice medicine, (2) a physician assistant  
1120 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, or (3) an  
1121 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance  
1122 with sections 20-94a and 20-94b, the owner or operator of such before or  
1123 after school program, day camp or child care facility shall approve and  
1124 provide general supervision to an identified staff member trained to  
1125 administer [medication with a cartridge injector] epinephrine to such  
1126 child if the child has a medically diagnosed allergic condition that may  
1127 require prompt treatment in order to protect the child against serious  
1128 harm or death. Such staff member shall be trained in the use of [a  
1129 cartridge injector] epinephrine by a licensed physician, physician  
1130 assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse or shall  
1131 complete a course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross, the  
1132 American Heart Association, the National Ski Patrol, the Department of  
1133 Public Health, any director of health or an organization using guidelines  
1134 for first aid and published by the American Heart Association and the  
1135 American Red Cross.

1136 Sec. 24. Section 19a-900a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1137 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1138 Any provider of child care services, as described in section 19a-77,  
1139 that is licensed by the Office of Early Childhood or is exempt from  
1140 licensure pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-77, and maintains a  
1141 supply of epinephrine [cartridge injectors] pursuant to section 19a-909,  
1142 as amended by this act, may administer such epinephrine for the  
1143 purpose of emergency first aid to a child in the care of such provider  
1144 who experiences an allergic reaction and does not have a prior written  
1145 authorization of a parent or guardian or a prior written order of a  
1146 qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine,  
1147 provided the person administering such epinephrine is a person with  
1148 training, as defined in section 19a-909, as amended by this act. The

1149 parent or guardian of a child may submit, in writing, to such child's  
1150 provider of child care services, that epinephrine shall not be  
1151 administered to such child pursuant to this section.

1152 Sec. 25. Section 19a-909 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1153 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1154 (a) As used in this section: [and sections 21a-70 and 52-557v:]

1155 (1) ["Epinephrine cartridge injector"] "Epinephrine" means an  
1156 automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable  
1157 equipment, nasal spray or any other medical equipment approved by  
1158 the United States Food and Drug Administration that is used to deliver  
1159 epinephrine in a standard dose for an emergency first aid response to  
1160 allergic reactions;

1161 (2) "Person with training" means a person who (A) (i) has completed  
1162 a course in first aid that includes training in recognizing the signs and  
1163 symptoms of anaphylaxis, administering epinephrine and following  
1164 emergency protocol, approved by a prescribing practitioner pursuant to  
1165 a medical protocol established in accordance with subsection (b) of this  
1166 section, which course may be offered by the American Red Cross, the  
1167 American Heart Association, the National Ski Patrol, the Department of  
1168 Public Health or any director of health, and (ii) is certified by said  
1169 organizations, department or director of health offering the course, or  
1170 (B) who has received training in the recognition of the signs and  
1171 symptoms of anaphylaxis, the use of [an] epinephrine [cartridge  
1172 injector] and emergency protocol by a licensed physician, physician  
1173 assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or emergency medical  
1174 services personnel;

1175 (3) "Documentation evidencing training" includes a certificate issued  
1176 by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the  
1177 National Ski Patrol, the Department of Public Health or any director of  
1178 health or a written statement of acknowledgment of training signed by  
1179 a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered

1180 nurse or emergency medical services personnel; and

1181 (4) "Authorized entity" means any for-profit or nonprofit entity or  
1182 organization that employs at least one person with training.  
1183 "Authorized entity" does not include the state or any political  
1184 subdivision thereof authorized to purchase epinephrine pursuant to  
1185 subsection (h) of section 21a-70, as amended by this act, a local or  
1186 regional board of education required to maintain epinephrine [cartridge  
1187 injectors] pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-  
1188 212a, as amended by this act, or a licensed or a certified ambulance  
1189 service required to be equipped with epinephrine cartridge injectors  
1190 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-197a.

1191 (b) An authorized entity and a prescribing practitioner, as defined in  
1192 section 20-14c, who is authorized to prescribe [an] epinephrine,  
1193 [cartridge injector,] may establish a medical protocol regarding the  
1194 administration of [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] by a person with  
1195 training who is employed by or an agent of an authorized entity for the  
1196 purpose of rendering emergency care in accordance with subsection (d)  
1197 of this section. Such medical protocol shall include, but need not be  
1198 limited to, (1) any training required, in addition to the training required  
1199 under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for an employee  
1200 or agent of an authorized entity to be designated as a person with  
1201 training, (2) the records to be maintained in accordance with this  
1202 subsection and subsections (c) and (e) of this section, (3) the proper  
1203 storage and maintenance of epinephrine, [cartridge injectors,] and (4)  
1204 the procedure for handling emergency medical situations involving  
1205 anaphylactic allergic reactions at the authorized entity's place of  
1206 business. Any such medical protocol shall be deemed established for a  
1207 legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of the prescribing  
1208 practitioner's professional practice. An authorized entity shall maintain  
1209 a copy of such medical protocol established under this section at the  
1210 place of business to which it applies and, not less than annually, review  
1211 such medical protocol with the designated persons with training and  
1212 the prescribing practitioner.

1213 (c) An authorized entity that has established a medical protocol with  
1214 a prescribing practitioner pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may  
1215 acquire and maintain a supply of epinephrine [cartridge injectors] from  
1216 a wholesaler, as defined in section 21a-70, as amended by this act. The  
1217 epinephrine [cartridge injectors] shall be stored in a location readily  
1218 accessible in an emergency, in accordance with the instructions for use  
1219 included with such epinephrine [cartridge injectors] and the established  
1220 medical protocol. An authorized entity shall designate a person or  
1221 persons with training who are employees or agents of the authorized  
1222 entity to be responsible for the storage, maintenance and control of the  
1223 epinephrine. [cartridge injectors.] An authorized entity shall maintain  
1224 documentation (1) of all epinephrine [cartridge injectors] acquired by  
1225 such authorized entity, and (2) evidencing the training acquired by each  
1226 such designated person with training.

1227 (d) A person with training who is an employee or agent of an  
1228 authorized entity that acquires and maintains a supply of epinephrine  
1229 [cartridge injectors] pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may, in  
1230 accordance with the established medical protocol, (1) provide [an]  
1231 epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual or to the parent,  
1232 guardian or caregiver of an individual, whom the person with training  
1233 believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of  
1234 whether the individual has a prescription for [an] epinephrine [cartridge  
1235 injector] or a prior medical diagnosis of an allergic condition, for the  
1236 purpose of immediate administration of such epinephrine [cartridge  
1237 injector] by such individual, parent, guardian or caregiver, or (2)  
1238 administer [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom  
1239 the person with training believes in good faith is experiencing  
1240 anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the individual has a prescription for  
1241 [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] or a prior medical diagnosis of an  
1242 allergic condition. The person with training or any other employee or  
1243 agent of the authorized entity shall promptly notify a local emergency  
1244 medical services organization after any administration of [an]  
1245 epinephrine [cartridge injector] acquired and maintained by the  
1246 authorized entity.

1247 (e) Each authorized entity shall report to the prescribing practitioner  
1248 with whom it has established a medical protocol any incident that  
1249 involves the administration of [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector]  
1250 acquired and maintained by the authorized entity under this section not  
1251 later than thirty days after the date of such incident and shall maintain  
1252 a record of such incident.

1253 (f) (1) A prescribing practitioner who is authorized to prescribe  
1254 epinephrine may establish a medical protocol with an authorized entity  
1255 in accordance with this section without being liable for damages in a  
1256 civil action or subject to criminal prosecution for establishing such  
1257 medical protocol or for any subsequent use of [an] epinephrine  
1258 [cartridge injector] acquired and maintained by the authorized entity  
1259 under this section. A prescribing practitioner who has established a  
1260 medical protocol with an authorized entity in accordance with the  
1261 provisions of this section shall be deemed not to have violated the  
1262 standard of care for such licensed health care provider.

1263 (2) A person with training or an authorized entity that employs or has  
1264 an agent who is a person with training who provides or administers [an]  
1265 epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom the person with  
1266 training believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis in  
1267 accordance with the provisions of this section shall not be liable to such  
1268 individual for civil damages or subject to criminal prosecution for any  
1269 personal injuries that result from acts or omissions by such person with  
1270 training in using [an] epinephrine, [cartridge injector,] which may  
1271 constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this  
1272 subsection shall not apply to wilful or wanton misconduct or acts or  
1273 omissions constituting gross negligence.

1274 (g) The [Commissioners] Commissioner of Consumer Protection or  
1275 Public Health may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to  
1276 implement the provisions of this section.

1277 Sec. 26. Subsection (h) of section 21a-70 of the general statutes is  
1278 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*



1279 2025):

1280 (h) No wholesaler or manufacturer shall sell any drugs except to the  
1281 state or any political subdivision thereof, to another manufacturer or  
1282 wholesaler, to any hospital recognized by the state as a general or  
1283 specialty hospital, to any institution having a full-time pharmacist who  
1284 is actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in such institution not  
1285 less than thirty-five hours a week, to a chronic and convalescent nursing  
1286 home having a pharmacist actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy  
1287 based upon the ratio of one-tenth of one hour per patient per week but  
1288 not less than twelve hours per week, to a practicing physician,  
1289 podiatrist, dentist, optometrist or veterinarian, to a licensed pharmacy  
1290 or a store to which a permit to sell nonlegend drugs has been issued as  
1291 provided in section 20-624 or to an authorized entity, as defined in  
1292 section 19a-909, as amended by this act, that has established a medical  
1293 protocol with a prescribing practitioner pursuant to section 19a-909, as  
1294 amended by this act, provided drugs sold to an authorized entity shall  
1295 be limited to epinephrine, as defined in section 19a-909, as amended by  
1296 this act. [cartridge injectors.] The commissioner may adopt such  
1297 regulations as are necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of  
1298 this section.

1299 Sec. 27. Subsections (f) to (i), inclusive, of section 52-557b of the  
1300 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
1301 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1302 (f) A teacher or other school personnel, on the school grounds or in  
1303 the school building or at a school function, who has completed both a  
1304 course in first aid in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and a  
1305 course given by the medical advisor of the school or by a licensed  
1306 physician in the administration of medication, [by injection,] who  
1307 renders emergency care by administration of medication [by injection]  
1308 to a person in need thereof, shall not be liable to the person assisted for  
1309 civil damages for any injuries which result from acts or omissions by the  
1310 person in rendering the emergency care of administration of  
1311 medication, [by injection,] which may constitute ordinary negligence.

1312 The immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or  
1313 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

1314 (g) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require any  
1315 teacher or other school personnel to render emergency first aid or  
1316 administer medication. [by injection.]

1317 (h) Any person who has completed a course in first aid offered by the  
1318 American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Ski  
1319 Patrol, the Department of Public Health, any director of health or by an  
1320 organization using guidelines for first aid published by the American  
1321 Heart Association and the American Red Cross, that is certified by the  
1322 organization or director of health offering the course, or has been  
1323 trained in the use of a cartridge injector by a licensed physician,  
1324 physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or registered  
1325 nurse, and who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the  
1326 ordinary course of such person's employment or practice, renders  
1327 emergency assistance by using a cartridge injector on another person in  
1328 need thereof, or any person who is an identified staff member of a before  
1329 or after school program, day camp or child care facility, as defined in  
1330 section 19a-900, as amended by this act, and who renders emergency  
1331 assistance by [using a cartridge injector] administering epinephrine on  
1332 another person in need thereof, shall not be liable to such person  
1333 assisted for civil damages for any personal injuries which result from  
1334 acts or omissions by such person in using a cartridge injector or  
1335 administering epinephrine, which may constitute ordinary negligence.  
1336 The immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or  
1337 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. For the  
1338 purposes of this subsection, "cartridge injector" has the same meaning  
1339 as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section and  
1340 "epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar  
1341 automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray or any other medical  
1342 equipment approved by the United States Food and Drug  
1343 Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a standard dose  
1344 for an emergency first aid response to allergic reactions.

1345 (i) A school bus driver, on or in the immediate vicinity of a school bus  
1346 during the provision of school transportation services, who renders  
1347 emergency care by administration of [medication with a cartridge  
1348 injector] epinephrine to a student in need thereof who has a medically  
1349 diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt treatment in  
1350 order to protect the student against serious harm or death, shall not be  
1351 liable to the student assisted for civil damages for any injuries which  
1352 result from acts or omissions by the school bus driver in rendering the  
1353 emergency care of administration of [medication with a cartridge  
1354 injector] epinephrine, which may constitute ordinary negligence. The  
1355 immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or  
1356 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. For the  
1357 purposes of this subsection, ["cartridge injector"] "epinephrine" has the  
1358 same meaning as provided in [subdivision (1) of subsection (e)]  
1359 subsection (h) of this section.

1360 Sec. 28. Section 52-557v of the general statutes is repealed and the  
1361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1362 (a) A person (1) employed to work for the state or any political  
1363 subdivision thereof that has acquired and maintains a supply of  
1364 epinephrine, [cartridge injectors] as defined in section 19a-909, as  
1365 amended by this act, (2) who is trained in the use of [an] epinephrine  
1366 [cartridge injector] in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
1367 of section 19a-909, as amended by this act, and (3) provides or  
1368 administers [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom  
1369 the person believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis during the  
1370 course of such person's employment, shall not be liable to such  
1371 individual for civil damages or subject to criminal prosecution for any  
1372 personal injuries that result from acts or omissions by such person in  
1373 using [an] epinephrine, [cartridge injector,] which may constitute  
1374 ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection shall not  
1375 apply to wilful or wanton misconduct or acts or omissions constituting  
1376 gross negligence.

1377 (b) The state or any political subdivision thereof that (1) has acquired

1378 and maintains a supply of epinephrine, [cartridge injectors,] and (2)  
 1379 employs a person who (A) is trained in the use of [an] epinephrine  
 1380 [cartridge injector] in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)  
 1381 of section 19a-909, as amended by this act, and (B) provides or  
 1382 administers [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom  
 1383 the person believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis during the  
 1384 course of such person's employment, shall not be liable to such  
 1385 individual for civil damages for any personal injuries that result from  
 1386 acts or omissions by such person in using [an] epinephrine, [cartridge  
 1387 injector,] which may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity  
 1388 provided in this subsection shall not apply to wilful or wanton  
 1389 misconduct or acts or omissions constituting gross negligence."

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

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| Section 1 | July 1, 2025 | 10-550g               |
| Sec. 2    | July 1, 2025 | 19a-421(a)            |
| Sec. 3    | July 1, 2025 | 19a-420               |
| Sec. 4    | July 1, 2025 | 17a-248b(a) and (b)   |
| Sec. 5    | July 1, 2025 | 10-16z(c)             |
| Sec. 6    | July 1, 2025 | 10-550c(a)            |
| Sec. 7    | July 1, 2025 | 10-550d               |
| Sec. 8    | July 1, 2025 | 10-550b(c)            |
| Sec. 9    | July 1, 2025 | 10-264l(b)            |
| Sec. 10   | July 1, 2025 | 10-266aa(i)           |
| Sec. 11   | from passage | PA 23-205, Sec. 13(f) |
| Sec. 12   | from passage | PA 23-205, Sec. 32(e) |
| Sec. 13   | July 1, 2025 | 10-264i               |
| Sec. 14   | July 1, 2025 | 10-145r               |
| Sec. 15   | July 1, 2025 | 10-145o               |
| Sec. 16   | July 1, 2025 | 10-91j                |
| Sec. 17   | July 1, 2025 | New section           |
| Sec. 18   | July 1, 2025 | 10-95r                |
| Sec. 19   | July 1, 2025 | 10-212a(d) and (e)    |
| Sec. 20   | July 1, 2025 | 19a-79(a)             |
| Sec. 21   | July 1, 2025 | 10-220i               |
| Sec. 22   | July 1, 2025 | 14-276b(c)            |

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| Sec. 24 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 19a-900a          |
| Sec. 25 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 19a-909           |
| Sec. 26 | <i>July 1, 2025</i> | 21a-70(h)         |
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