



General Assembly

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**"AN ACT ESTABLISHING A JUST CAUSE STANDARD FOR
TEACHER CONTRACT TERMINATIONS AND REQUIRING
CONTRACT TERMINATION HEARINGS FOR TEACHERS THAT
HAVE ATTAINED TENURE BE BEFORE A NEUTRAL HEARING
OFFICER."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to
4 study and make recommendations concerning classroom behavior and
5 school discipline. The task force shall examine current policies
6 concerning discipline in public schools and how such policies relate to
7 current behavior trends.

8 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

9 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,
10 who is a representative of the Connecticut Education Association;

11 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who is

- 12 a representative of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut;
- 13 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of
14 Representatives, who is a representative of the Connecticut Association
15 of Public School Superintendents;
- 16 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, who is a
17 parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a public school in the state;
- 18 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of
19 Representatives, who is a high school student enrolled in a public school
20 in the state;
- 21 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who is a
22 representative of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education;
- 23 (7) The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;
24 and
- 25 (8) The Child Advocate, or the Child Advocate's designee.
- 26 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),
27 (2), (3), (4) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the
28 General Assembly.
- 29 (d) All initial appointments to the task force shall be made not later
30 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall
31 be filled by the appointing authority.
- 32 (e) The first meeting of the task force shall be held not later than sixty
33 days after the effective date of this section. The chairpersons of the task
34 force shall be elected from among the members of the task force at the
35 first meeting.
- 36 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the
37 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education
38 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

39 (g) Not later than February 1, 2026, the task force shall submit a report
40 on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing committee of
41 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
42 education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
43 general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
44 submits such report or January 1, 2026, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section