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To: Subst. Senate Bill No. **1381**

File No. 378

Cal. No. 229

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

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

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 Section 19a-421 of the general statutes is repealed and the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

5 (a) No person shall establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp
6 without a license issued by the office. Applications for such license shall
7 be made in writing at least thirty days prior to the opening of the youth
8 camp on forms provided and in accordance with procedures established
9 by the commissioner and shall be accompanied by a fee of eight
10 hundred fifteen dollars or, if the applicant is a nonprofit, nonstock
11 corporation or association, a fee of three hundred fifteen dollars or, if

12 the applicant is a day camp affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for
13 no more than five days duration and for which labor and materials are
14 donated, no fee. All such licenses shall be valid for a period of one year
15 from the date of issuance unless surrendered for cancellation or
16 suspended or revoked by the commissioner for violation of this chapter
17 or any regulations adopted under section 19a-428 and shall be
18 renewable upon payment of an eight-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee
19 or, if the licensee is a nonprofit, nonstock corporation or association, a
20 three-hundred-fifteen-dollar license fee or, if the applicant is a day camp
21 affiliated with a nonprofit organization, for no more than five days
22 duration and for which labor and materials are donated, no fee.

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

46 holds a J-1 visa, H-1B visa or R-1 visa issued by the United States
47 Department of State shall not be required to submit to a background
48 check under this section.

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

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

63 (e) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall have the discretion to
64 refuse to license under sections 19a-420 to 19a-429, inclusive, a person
65 to establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp, as described in section
66 19a-420, or to suspend or revoke the license or take any other action set
67 forth in any regulation adopted pursuant to section 19a-428 if, the
68 person who establishes, conducts or maintains such youth camp or a
69 person employed therein in a position connected with the provision of
70 care to a child or involving unsupervised access to a child, has (1) been
71 convicted in this state or any other state of (A) a felony as defined in
72 section 53a-25 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of
73 physical force against another person, (B) cruelty to persons under
74 section 53-20, (C) injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of
75 children under section 53-21, (D) abandonment of children under the
76 age of six years under section 53-23, (E) any felony where the victim of
77 the felony is a child under eighteen years of age, or (F) a violation of
78 section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to

79 January 1, 2019, 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, (2)
80 a criminal record in this state or any other state that the commissioner
81 reasonably believes renders the person unsuitable to establish, conduct
82 or maintain or be employed by a youth camp, or (3) held a license to
83 establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp in another state that was
84 revoked by such state's licensing authority. However, no refusal of a
85 license shall be rendered except in accordance with the provisions of
86 sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.

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

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

109 (h) Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 368r, the Connecticut
110 Wing Civil Air Patrol within the Department of Emergency Services and
111 Public Protection may establish, conduct or maintain a youth camp

112 without obtaining a license issued by the office, provided the
113 Connecticut Wing Civil Air Patrol (1) establishes, conducts or maintains
114 any such youth camp on property owned or leased by the state and
115 utilizes a facility operated exclusively by the Military Department or the
116 armed forces of the United States pursuant to Title 10 of the United
117 States Code, and (2) complies with the guidelines set forth in the Civil
118 Air Patrol pamphlet entitled "CAPP 79-10 Cadet Medication
119 Management", as amended from time to time, during any overnight
120 youth camp."

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

Section 1	October 1, 2025	19a-421
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