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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 Section 10-550g of the general statutes is repealed and the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: (A) Hold the
353 planning and placement team meeting for such student and shall invite
354 representatives from the receiving district to participate in such
355 meeting, and (B) pay the receiving district an amount equal to the
356 difference between the reasonable cost of providing such special
357 education and related services to such student and the amount received
358 by the receiving district pursuant to subsection (g) of this section and in
359 the case of students participating pursuant to subsection (d) of this
360 section, the per pupil amount received pursuant to section 10-74d. The
361 sending district shall be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to section
362 10-76g. The receiving district shall ensure that out-of-district students
363 who require special education services receive the services mandated by

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

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

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 Subsection (f) of section 13 of public act 23-205 is repealed and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

373 (f) For the Department of Education:

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

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

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 Subsection (e) of section 32 of public act 23-205 is repealed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

383 (e) For the Department of Education:

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

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

391 Sec. 13. Section 10-264i of the general statutes is repealed and the

392 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

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

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

422 (3) For districts assisting the state in meeting its obligations pursuant
423 to the decision in *Sheff v. O'Neill*, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
424 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner, (A)

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

437 (4) [In addition to the grants otherwise provided pursuant to this
438 section, the Commissioner of Education may provide supplemental
439 transportation grants to regional educational service centers for the
440 purposes of transportation to interdistrict magnet schools. Any such
441 grant shall be provided within available appropriations and after the
442 commissioner has reviewed and approved the total interdistrict magnet
443 school transportation budget for a regional educational service center,
444 including all revenue and expenditure estimates. For the fiscal years
445 ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2018, inclusive, in addition to the grants
446 otherwise provided pursuant to this section, the Commissioner of
447 Education may provide supplemental transportation to interdistrict
448 magnet schools that assist the state in meeting its obligations pursuant
449 to the decision in Sheff v. O'Neill, 238 Conn. 1 (1996), or any related
450 stipulation or order in effect, as determined by the commissioner. Any
451 such grant] Any transportation grant to a regional educational service
452 center located in the Sheff region pursuant to subdivision (3) of this
453 subsection shall be provided [within available appropriations and]
454 upon a comprehensive financial review, by an auditor selected by the
455 Commissioner of Education, the costs of such review may be paid from
456 funds that are part of the [supplemental] transportation grant. [Any
457 such grant shall be paid as follows: For the fiscal year ending June 30,
458 2021, up to seventy per cent of the grant on or before June thirtieth of

459 the fiscal year, and the balance on or before September first of the
460 following fiscal year upon completion of the comprehensive financial
461 review, provided any unpaid balance of eligible transportation costs
462 incurred on or before December thirty-first of the fiscal year based on
463 documentation, including, but not limited to, vendor bills dated on or
464 before February first of the fiscal year, and any unpaid balance of
465 eligible transportation costs incurred on or before March thirty-first of
466 the fiscal year based on documentation, including, but not limited to,
467 vendor bills on or before May first of the fiscal year, and the balance of
468 the grant on or before September first of the following fiscal year upon
469 completion of the comprehensive financial review. For the fiscal year
470 ending June 30, 2022, up to one hundred per cent of the grant on or
471 before June thirtieth of the fiscal year and any remaining balance on or
472 before September first of the following fiscal year upon completion of
473 the comprehensive financial review. If, upon completion of the
474 comprehensive financial review, the commissioner determines that
475 there was an overpayment of the grant in the prior fiscal year, such
476 funds shall be refunded to the department.] For the fiscal year ending
477 June 30, [2023] 2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, [up] any such
478 transportation grant shall be paid as follows: Up to ninety-five per cent
479 of the grant on or before June thirtieth of the fiscal year based on
480 documentation provided prior to May thirty-first of the fiscal year, with
481 an amount equal to one-half of the total estimated transportation cost
482 on or before October thirty-first of the fiscal year, and the remaining
483 total balance on or before [September] March first of the following fiscal
484 year upon completion of the comprehensive financial review. If, upon
485 completion of the comprehensive financial review, the commissioner
486 determines there was an overpayment of the grant in the prior fiscal
487 year, such funds shall be refunded to the department.

488 (5) [The] Except as provided in subdivision (4) of this subsection, the
489 Department of Education shall provide such grants within available
490 appropriations. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent
491 a local or regional board of education, regional educational service
492 center or cooperative arrangement from receiving reimbursement under

493 section 10-266m for reasonable transportation expenses for which such
494 board, service center or cooperative arrangement is not reimbursed
495 pursuant to this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

555 (a) The Department of Education, with cooperation from local and
556 regional school districts, regional educational service centers,
557 representatives of the exclusive bargaining representative for certified

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

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

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

588 (2) The Department of Education, in collaboration with EASTCONN,
589 the RESC Alliance, institutions of higher education and other
590 stakeholders, shall (A) develop instructional modules for beginning

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

724 program. Such stipend shall be included in a person's total earnings for
725 purposes of retirement.

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

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

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

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

752 (i) The Department of Education, in consultation with EASTCONN,
753 shall create a data system for local and regional school districts to access
754 the resources and record-keeping tools to manage the teacher education

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

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

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

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

786 (b) On and after July 1, 2019, a local or regional board of education

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

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

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

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

815 (a) The Technical Education and Career System shall be under the
816 direction of the executive director of the Technical Education and Career
817 System, whose appointment shall be made by the Governor. Such
818 appointment shall be in accordance with the provisions of sections 4-5

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

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

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

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

852 officials set forth in chapter 10. The executive director shall submit
853 quarterly reports to the Office of Policy and Management concerning all
854 gifts, grants or donations received pursuant to this subsection.

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

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

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

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

882 (d) (1) (A) With the written authorization of a student's parent or

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1071 Sec. 21. Section 10-220i of the general statutes is repealed and the
1072 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1073 No local or regional board of education shall deny a student access to
1074 school transportation solely due to such student's need to carry [a
1075 cartridge injector] epinephrine while traveling on a vehicle used for
1076 school transportation. For purposes of this section, ["cartridge injector"]
1077 "epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar
1078 automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray or any other medical
1079 equipment approved by the United States Food and Drug
1080 Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a standard dose
1081 for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions.

1082 Sec. 22. Subsection (c) of section 14-276b of the general statutes is
1083 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
1084 *2025*):

1085 (c) The training required under this section shall include, but need
1086 not be limited to, instruction on (1) the identification of the signs and
1087 symptoms of anaphylaxis, (2) the administration of epinephrine by a
1088 cartridge injector, nasal spray and any other medical equipment
1089 approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the
1090 administration of epinephrine, (3) the notification of emergency
1091 personnel, and (4) the reporting of an incident involving a student and
1092 a life-threatening allergic reaction. Such training may be completed
1093 using an online module, provided such online module meets the
1094 requirements of this section.

1095 Sec. 23. Section 19a-900 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1096 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1097 (a) For the purposes of this section:

1098 (1) "Before or after school program" means any educational or
1099 recreational program for children administered in any building or on
1100 the grounds of any school by a local or regional board of education or
1101 other municipal agency, before or after regular school hours, or both,
1102 but does not include a program that is licensed by the Department of
1103 Public Health;

1104 (2) ["Cartridge injector"] "Epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled
1105 cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray
1106 or any other medical equipment approved by the United States Food
1107 and Drug Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a
1108 standard dose for emergency first aid response to allergic reactions;

1109 (3) "Day camp" means any recreational camp program operated by a
1110 municipal agency; and

1111 (4) "Child care facility" means any child care center or group child
1112 care home, as described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of subsection (a) of
1113 section 19a-77, that is excluded from the licensing requirements of
1114 sections 19a-77 to 19a-87, inclusive, by subsection (b) of section 19a-77.

1115 (b) Upon the request and with the written authorization of the parent
1116 or guardian of a child attending any before or after school program, day
1117 camp or child care facility, and pursuant to the written order of (1) a
1118 physician licensed to practice medicine, (2) a physician assistant
1119 licensed to prescribe in accordance with section 20-12d, or (3) an
1120 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to prescribe in accordance
1121 with sections 20-94a and 20-94b, the owner or operator of such before or
1122 after school program, day camp or child care facility shall approve and
1123 provide general supervision to an identified staff member trained to
1124 administer [medication with a cartridge injector] epinephrine to such
1125 child if the child has a medically diagnosed allergic condition that may
1126 require prompt treatment in order to protect the child against serious
1127 harm or death. Such staff member shall be trained in the use of [a
1128 cartridge injector] epinephrine by a licensed physician, physician
1129 assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse or shall
1130 complete a course in first aid offered by the American Red Cross, the
1131 American Heart Association, the National Ski Patrol, the Department of
1132 Public Health, any director of health or an organization using guidelines
1133 for first aid and published by the American Heart Association and the
1134 American Red Cross.

1135 Sec. 24. Section 19a-900a of the general statutes is repealed and the
1136 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1137 Any provider of child care services, as described in section 19a-77,
1138 that is licensed by the Office of Early Childhood or is exempt from
1139 licensure pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-77, and maintains a
1140 supply of epinephrine [cartridge injectors] pursuant to section 19a-909,
1141 as amended by this act, may administer such epinephrine for the
1142 purpose of emergency first aid to a child in the care of such provider
1143 who experiences an allergic reaction and does not have a prior written
1144 authorization of a parent or guardian or a prior written order of a
1145 qualified medical professional for the administration of epinephrine,
1146 provided the person administering such epinephrine is a person with
1147 training, as defined in section 19a-909, as amended by this act. The

1148 parent or guardian of a child may submit, in writing, to such child's
1149 provider of child care services, that epinephrine shall not be
1150 administered to such child pursuant to this section.

1151 Sec. 25. Section 19a-909 of the general statutes is repealed and the
1152 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1153 (a) As used in this section: [and sections 21a-70 and 52-557v:]

1154 (1) ["Epinephrine cartridge injector"] "Epinephrine" means an
1155 automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar automatic injectable
1156 equipment, nasal spray or any other medical equipment approved by
1157 the United States Food and Drug Administration that is used to deliver
1158 epinephrine in a standard dose for an emergency first aid response to
1159 allergic reactions;

1160 (2) "Person with training" means a person who (A) (i) has completed
1161 a course in first aid that includes training in recognizing the signs and
1162 symptoms of anaphylaxis, administering epinephrine and following
1163 emergency protocol, approved by a prescribing practitioner pursuant to
1164 a medical protocol established in accordance with subsection (b) of this
1165 section, which course may be offered by the American Red Cross, the
1166 American Heart Association, the National Ski Patrol, the Department of
1167 Public Health or any director of health, and (ii) is certified by said
1168 organizations, department or director of health offering the course, or
1169 (B) who has received training in the recognition of the signs and
1170 symptoms of anaphylaxis, the use of [an] epinephrine [cartridge
1171 injector] and emergency protocol by a licensed physician, physician
1172 assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or emergency medical
1173 services personnel;

1174 (3) "Documentation evidencing training" includes a certificate issued
1175 by the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the
1176 National Ski Patrol, the Department of Public Health or any director of
1177 health or a written statement of acknowledgment of training signed by
1178 a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered

1179 nurse or emergency medical services personnel; and

1180 (4) "Authorized entity" means any for-profit or nonprofit entity or
1181 organization that employs at least one person with training.
1182 "Authorized entity" does not include the state or any political
1183 subdivision thereof authorized to purchase epinephrine pursuant to
1184 subsection (h) of section 21a-70, as amended by this act, a local or
1185 regional board of education required to maintain epinephrine [cartridge
1186 injectors] pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (d) of section 10-
1187 212a, as amended by this act, or a licensed or a certified ambulance
1188 service required to be equipped with epinephrine cartridge injectors
1189 pursuant to subsection (b) of section 19a-197a.

1190 (b) An authorized entity and a prescribing practitioner, as defined in
1191 section 20-14c, who is authorized to prescribe [an] epinephrine,
1192 [cartridge injector,] may establish a medical protocol regarding the
1193 administration of [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] by a person with
1194 training who is employed by or an agent of an authorized entity for the
1195 purpose of rendering emergency care in accordance with subsection (d)
1196 of this section. Such medical protocol shall include, but need not be
1197 limited to, (1) any training required, in addition to the training required
1198 under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for an employee
1199 or agent of an authorized entity to be designated as a person with
1200 training, (2) the records to be maintained in accordance with this
1201 subsection and subsections (c) and (e) of this section, (3) the proper
1202 storage and maintenance of epinephrine, [cartridge injectors,] and (4)
1203 the procedure for handling emergency medical situations involving
1204 anaphylactic allergic reactions at the authorized entity's place of
1205 business. Any such medical protocol shall be deemed established for a
1206 legitimate medical purpose in the usual course of the prescribing
1207 practitioner's professional practice. An authorized entity shall maintain
1208 a copy of such medical protocol established under this section at the
1209 place of business to which it applies and, not less than annually, review
1210 such medical protocol with the designated persons with training and
1211 the prescribing practitioner.

1212 (c) An authorized entity that has established a medical protocol with
1213 a prescribing practitioner pursuant to subsection (b) of this section may
1214 acquire and maintain a supply of epinephrine [cartridge injectors] from
1215 a wholesaler, as defined in section 21a-70, as amended by this act. The
1216 epinephrine [cartridge injectors] shall be stored in a location readily
1217 accessible in an emergency, in accordance with the instructions for use
1218 included with such epinephrine [cartridge injectors] and the established
1219 medical protocol. An authorized entity shall designate a person or
1220 persons with training who are employees or agents of the authorized
1221 entity to be responsible for the storage, maintenance and control of the
1222 epinephrine. [cartridge injectors.] An authorized entity shall maintain
1223 documentation (1) of all epinephrine [cartridge injectors] acquired by
1224 such authorized entity, and (2) evidencing the training acquired by each
1225 such designated person with training.

1226 (d) A person with training who is an employee or agent of an
1227 authorized entity that acquires and maintains a supply of epinephrine
1228 [cartridge injectors] pursuant to subsection (c) of this section may, in
1229 accordance with the established medical protocol, (1) provide [an]
1230 epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual or to the parent,
1231 guardian or caregiver of an individual, whom the person with training
1232 believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis, regardless of
1233 whether the individual has a prescription for [an] epinephrine [cartridge
1234 injector] or a prior medical diagnosis of an allergic condition, for the
1235 purpose of immediate administration of such epinephrine [cartridge
1236 injector] by such individual, parent, guardian or caregiver, or (2)
1237 administer [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom
1238 the person with training believes in good faith is experiencing
1239 anaphylaxis, regardless of whether the individual has a prescription for
1240 [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] or a prior medical diagnosis of an
1241 allergic condition. The person with training or any other employee or
1242 agent of the authorized entity shall promptly notify a local emergency
1243 medical services organization after any administration of [an]
1244 epinephrine [cartridge injector] acquired and maintained by the
1245 authorized entity.

1246 (e) Each authorized entity shall report to the prescribing practitioner
1247 with whom it has established a medical protocol any incident that
1248 involves the administration of [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector]
1249 acquired and maintained by the authorized entity under this section not
1250 later than thirty days after the date of such incident and shall maintain
1251 a record of such incident.

1252 (f) (1) A prescribing practitioner who is authorized to prescribe
1253 epinephrine may establish a medical protocol with an authorized entity
1254 in accordance with this section without being liable for damages in a
1255 civil action or subject to criminal prosecution for establishing such
1256 medical protocol or for any subsequent use of [an] epinephrine
1257 [cartridge injector] acquired and maintained by the authorized entity
1258 under this section. A prescribing practitioner who has established a
1259 medical protocol with an authorized entity in accordance with the
1260 provisions of this section shall be deemed not to have violated the
1261 standard of care for such licensed health care provider.

1262 (2) A person with training or an authorized entity that employs or has
1263 an agent who is a person with training who provides or administers [an]
1264 epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom the person with
1265 training believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis in
1266 accordance with the provisions of this section shall not be liable to such
1267 individual for civil damages or subject to criminal prosecution for any
1268 personal injuries that result from acts or omissions by such person with
1269 training in using [an] epinephrine, [cartridge injector,] which may
1270 constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this
1271 subsection shall not apply to wilful or wanton misconduct or acts or
1272 omissions constituting gross negligence.

1273 (g) The [Commissioners] Commissioner of Consumer Protection or
1274 Public Health may adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54, to
1275 implement the provisions of this section.

1276 Sec. 26. Subsection (h) of section 21a-70 of the general statutes is
1277 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*

1278 2025):

1279 (h) No wholesaler or manufacturer shall sell any drugs except to the
1280 state or any political subdivision thereof, to another manufacturer or
1281 wholesaler, to any hospital recognized by the state as a general or
1282 specialty hospital, to any institution having a full-time pharmacist who
1283 is actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in such institution not
1284 less than thirty-five hours a week, to a chronic and convalescent nursing
1285 home having a pharmacist actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy
1286 based upon the ratio of one-tenth of one hour per patient per week but
1287 not less than twelve hours per week, to a practicing physician,
1288 podiatrist, dentist, optometrist or veterinarian, to a licensed pharmacy
1289 or a store to which a permit to sell nonlegend drugs has been issued as
1290 provided in section 20-624 or to an authorized entity, as defined in
1291 section 19a-909, as amended by this act, that has established a medical
1292 protocol with a prescribing practitioner pursuant to section 19a-909, as
1293 amended by this act, provided drugs sold to an authorized entity shall
1294 be limited to epinephrine, as defined in section 19a-909, as amended by
1295 this act. [cartridge injectors.] The commissioner may adopt such
1296 regulations as are necessary to administer and enforce the provisions of
1297 this section.

1298 Sec. 27. Subsections (f) to (i), inclusive, of section 52-557b of the
1299 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
1300 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1301 (f) A teacher or other school personnel, on the school grounds or in
1302 the school building or at a school function, who has completed both a
1303 course in first aid in accordance with subsection (b) of this section and a
1304 course given by the medical advisor of the school or by a licensed
1305 physician in the administration of medication, [by injection,] who
1306 renders emergency care by administration of medication [by injection]
1307 to a person in need thereof, shall not be liable to the person assisted for
1308 civil damages for any injuries which result from acts or omissions by the
1309 person in rendering the emergency care of administration of
1310 medication, [by injection,] which may constitute ordinary negligence.

1311 The immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or
1312 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence.

1313 (g) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require any
1314 teacher or other school personnel to render emergency first aid or
1315 administer medication. [by injection.]

1316 (h) Any person who has completed a course in first aid offered by the
1317 American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, the National Ski
1318 Patrol, the Department of Public Health, any director of health or by an
1319 organization using guidelines for first aid published by the American
1320 Heart Association and the American Red Cross, that is certified by the
1321 organization or director of health offering the course, or has been
1322 trained in the use of a cartridge injector by a licensed physician,
1323 physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse or registered
1324 nurse, and who, voluntarily and gratuitously and other than in the
1325 ordinary course of such person's employment or practice, renders
1326 emergency assistance by using a cartridge injector on another person in
1327 need thereof, or any person who is an identified staff member of a before
1328 or after school program, day camp or child care facility, as defined in
1329 section 19a-900, as amended by this act, and who renders emergency
1330 assistance by [using a cartridge injector] administering epinephrine on
1331 another person in need thereof, shall not be liable to such person
1332 assisted for civil damages for any personal injuries which result from
1333 acts or omissions by such person in using a cartridge injector or
1334 administering epinephrine, which may constitute ordinary negligence.
1335 The immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or
1336 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. For the
1337 purposes of this subsection, "cartridge injector" has the same meaning
1338 as provided in subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of this section and
1339 "epinephrine" means an automatic prefilled cartridge injector or similar
1340 automatic injectable equipment, nasal spray or any other medical
1341 equipment approved by the United States Food and Drug
1342 Administration that is used to deliver epinephrine in a standard dose
1343 for an emergency first aid response to allergic reactions.

1344 (i) A school bus driver, on or in the immediate vicinity of a school bus
1345 during the provision of school transportation services, who renders
1346 emergency care by administration of [medication with a cartridge
1347 injector] epinephrine to a student in need thereof who has a medically
1348 diagnosed allergic condition that may require prompt treatment in
1349 order to protect the student against serious harm or death, shall not be
1350 liable to the student assisted for civil damages for any injuries which
1351 result from acts or omissions by the school bus driver in rendering the
1352 emergency care of administration of [medication with a cartridge
1353 injector] epinephrine, which may constitute ordinary negligence. The
1354 immunity provided in this subsection does not apply to acts or
1355 omissions constituting gross, wilful or wanton negligence. For the
1356 purposes of this subsection, ["cartridge injector"] "epinephrine" has the
1357 same meaning as provided in [subdivision (1) of subsection (e)]
1358 subsection (h) of this section.

1359 Sec. 28. Section 52-557v of the general statutes is repealed and the
1360 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

1361 (a) A person (1) employed to work for the state or any political
1362 subdivision thereof that has acquired and maintains a supply of
1363 epinephrine, [cartridge injectors] as defined in section 19a-909, as
1364 amended by this act, (2) who is trained in the use of [an] epinephrine
1365 [cartridge injector] in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
1366 of section 19a-909, as amended by this act, and (3) provides or
1367 administers [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom
1368 the person believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis during the
1369 course of such person's employment, shall not be liable to such
1370 individual for civil damages or subject to criminal prosecution for any
1371 personal injuries that result from acts or omissions by such person in
1372 using [an] epinephrine, [cartridge injector,] which may constitute
1373 ordinary negligence. The immunity provided in this subsection shall not
1374 apply to wilful or wanton misconduct or acts or omissions constituting
1375 gross negligence.

1376 (b) The state or any political subdivision thereof that (1) has acquired

1377 and maintains a supply of epinephrine, [cartridge injectors,] and (2)
 1378 employs a person who (A) is trained in the use of [an] epinephrine
 1379 [cartridge injector] in accordance with subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
 1380 of section 19a-909, as amended by this act, and (B) provides or
 1381 administers [an] epinephrine [cartridge injector] to an individual whom
 1382 the person believes in good faith is experiencing anaphylaxis during the
 1383 course of such person's employment, shall not be liable to such
 1384 individual for civil damages for any personal injuries that result from
 1385 acts or omissions by such person in using [an] epinephrine, [cartridge
 1386 injector,] which may constitute ordinary negligence. The immunity
 1387 provided in this subsection shall not apply to wilful or wanton
 1388 misconduct or acts or omissions constituting gross negligence."

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

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)

Sec. 23	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	19a-900
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)
Sec. 27	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	52-557b(f) to (i)
Sec. 28	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	52-557v