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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-184 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2027*):

3 [All parents and those who have the care of children shall bring them
4 up in some lawful and honest employment and instruct them or cause
5 them to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
6 geography, arithmetic and United States history and in citizenship,
7 including a study of the town, state and federal governments. Subject to
8 the provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or other
9 person having control of a child five years of age and over and under
10 eighteen years of age shall cause such child to attend a public school
11 regularly during the hours and terms the public school in the district in
12 which such child resides is in session, unless such child is a high school
13 graduate or the parent or person having control of such child is able to
14 show that the child is elsewhere receiving equivalent instruction in the
15 studies taught in the public schools. For the school years commencing

16 July 1, 2011, to July 1, 2022, inclusive, the parent or person having
17 control of a child seventeen years of age may consent, as provided in
18 this section, to such child's withdrawal from school. For the school year
19 commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year thereafter, a student who
20 is eighteen years of age or older may withdraw from school. Such
21 parent, person or student shall personally appear at the school district
22 office and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include
23 an attestation from a guidance counselor, school counselor or school
24 administrator of the school that such school district has provided such
25 parent, person or student with information on the educational options
26 available in the school system and in the community. The parent or
27 person having control of a child seventeen years of age may withdraw
28 such child from school and enroll such child in an adult education
29 program pursuant to section 10-69. Such parent or person shall
30 personally appear at the school district office and sign an adult
31 education withdrawal and enrollment form. Such adult education
32 withdrawal and enrollment form shall include an attestation (1) from a
33 school counselor or school administrator of the school that such school
34 district has provided such parent or person with information on the
35 educational options available in the school system and in the
36 community, and (2) from such parent or person that such child will be
37 enrolled in an adult education program upon such child's withdrawal
38 from school. The parent or person having control of a child five years of
39 age shall have the option of not sending the child to school until the
40 child is six years of age and the parent or person having control of a
41 child six years of age shall have the option of not sending the child to
42 school until the child is seven years of age. The parent or person shall
43 exercise such option by personally appearing at the school district office
44 and signing an option form. The school district shall provide the parent
45 or person with information on the educational opportunities available
46 in the school system.]

47 (a) As used in this section and sections 2 to 4, inclusive, of this act:

48 (1) "Equivalent instruction" means the provision of education by a

49 parent or guardian of a child in a setting other than a public school or
50 nonpublic school.

51 (2) "Nonpublic school" means a school that is not a public school and
52 that (A) is approved by the Department of Education following such
53 school receiving accreditation by an accrediting agency approved by the
54 Department of Education, or (B) files a student attendance report with
55 the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 10-188.

56 (b) All parents and guardians of children shall bring such children up
57 in some lawful and honest employment and instruct or cause such
58 children to be instructed in reading, writing, spelling, English grammar,
59 geography, arithmetic and United States history and citizenship,
60 including a study of town, state and federal governments. Subject to the
61 provisions of this section and section 10-15c, each parent or guardian of
62 a child, who is five years of age and over and under eighteen years of
63 age and not a high school graduate, shall cause such child to (1) enroll
64 in public school regularly during the hours and terms the public school
65 in the district in which such child resides is in session, (2) attend a
66 nonpublic school, or (3) receive equivalent instruction in the studies
67 taught in the public schools.

68 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, for the
69 school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year thereafter,
70 the parent or guardian of a child (A) who will be five years of age on or
71 before September first of the school year, or (B) for whom an option form
72 for the prior school year was signed, shall personally appear at the
73 school district office and sign an intent to educate form to indicate
74 whether such child will be enrolling in public school, attending a
75 nonpublic school or receiving equivalent instruction. If such child will
76 be attending a nonpublic school, the parent or guardian shall provide
77 evidence to show that such child will be attending a nonpublic school.

78 (2) The parent or guardian of a child five years of age shall have the
79 option of not sending the child to school until the child is six years of

80 age and the parent or guardian of a child six years of age shall have the
81 option of not sending the child to school until the child is seven years of
82 age. Such parent or guardian shall exercise such option by personally
83 appearing at the school district office and signing an option form. The
84 school district shall provide such parent or guardian with information
85 on the educational opportunities available in the school system.

86 (3) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year
87 thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child who moves into a school
88 district during the school year shall, not later than fourteen days after
89 moving into such school district, personally appear at the school district
90 office and sign an intent to educate form to indicate whether such child
91 will be enrolling in public school, attending a nonpublic school or
92 receiving equivalent instruction. If such child will be attending a
93 nonpublic school, the parent or guardian shall provide evidence to show
94 that such child will be attending a nonpublic school.

95 (4) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year
96 thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child who withdraws from
97 attending a nonpublic school shall personally appear at the school
98 district office for which such parent or guardian had previously signed
99 an intent to educate form and sign an updated intent to educate form to
100 indicate whether such child will be enrolling in public school or
101 receiving equivalent instruction.

102 (d) (1) (A) (i) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, on or
103 before September first of said school year, the parent or guardian of a
104 child who was withdrawn from public school to receive equivalent
105 instruction, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section,
106 during the prior school year, shall submit to the school district office a
107 continuation of equivalent instruction form to indicate that such child
108 will continue to receive equivalent instruction. Such continuation of
109 equivalent instruction form may be submitted electronically to the
110 school district office.

111 (ii) For the school year commencing July 1, 2029, on or before
112 September first of said school year, the parent or guardian of a child (I)
113 who was withdrawn from public school to receive equivalent
114 instruction, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection (e) of this section,
115 during the prior school year, or (II) for whom a continuation of
116 equivalent instruction form for the prior school year was submitted,
117 shall submit to the school district office a continuation of equivalent
118 instruction form to indicate that such child will continue to receive
119 equivalent instruction. Such continuation of equivalent instruction form
120 may be submitted electronically to the school district office.

121 (B) For the school year commencing July 1, 2029, on or before
122 September first of said school year, the parent or guardian of a child who
123 is receiving equivalent instruction and for whom an intent to educate
124 form was signed for the prior school year, shall submit to the school
125 district office a continuation of equivalent instruction form to indicate
126 that such child will continue to receive equivalent instruction. Such
127 continuation of equivalent instruction form may be submitted
128 electronically to the school district office.

129 (C) For the school year commencing July 1, 2030, and each school year
130 thereafter, on or before September first of each school year, the parent
131 or guardian of a child who is receiving equivalent instruction and (i) for
132 whom (I) an intent to educate form for the prior school year was signed,
133 or (II) a continuation of equivalent instruction form for the prior school
134 year was submitted, or (ii) who was withdrawn from public school to
135 receive equivalent instruction, pursuant to subdivision (2) of subsection
136 (e) of this section, during the prior school year, shall submit to the school
137 district office a continuation of equivalent instruction form to indicate
138 that such child will continue to receive equivalent instruction. Such
139 continuation of equivalent instruction form may be submitted
140 electronically to the school district office.

141 (2) For the school year commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year
142 thereafter, any local or regional board of education that does not receive

143 a continuation of equivalent instruction form on or before September
144 first from a parent or guardian who signed an intent to educate form for
145 the prior school year, submitted a continuation of equivalent instruction
146 form for the prior school year, or who withdrew such parent or
147 guardian's child from public school to receive equivalent instruction
148 during the prior school year, pursuant to subdivision (1) of this
149 subsection, shall make at least three attempts to contact such parent or
150 guardian for the purpose of informing such parent or guardian that they
151 are required to submit a continuation of equivalent instruction form for
152 the current school year. If the board is unable to make such contact with
153 such parent or guardian by October first, the board shall notify the
154 Department of Education that the board has not received a continuation
155 of equivalent instruction form from such parent or guardian.

156 (e) (1) For the school year commencing July 1, 2027, and each school
157 year thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in public
158 school may withdraw such child from public school for the purpose of
159 causing such child to attend a nonpublic school. Such parent or
160 guardian shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
161 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal shall not be effective unless such
162 parent or guardian provides evidence to show that such child will be
163 attending a nonpublic school.

164 (2) (A) Subject to the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this
165 subdivision, for the school year commencing July 1, 2027, and each
166 school year thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in
167 public school may withdraw such child from public school for the
168 purpose of causing such child to receive equivalent instruction. Such
169 parent or guardian shall personally appear at the school district office
170 and sign a withdrawal form. Such withdrawal shall not be effective until
171 the board of education notifies such parent or guardian that such child
172 may be withdrawn following receipt of notice from the Commissioner
173 of Children and Families pursuant to subparagraph (B) of this
174 subdivision.

175 (B) Not later than two business days following receipt of a
176 withdrawal form under this subdivision, a local or regional board of
177 education shall (i) compile such child's education records, and (ii)
178 request the Commissioner of Children and Families to conduct a review
179 to determine if a parent or guardian of such child is the subject of an
180 order for protective supervision, as defined in section 17a-93, or
181 receiving protective services, as defined in section 17a-93. Not later than
182 two business days following receipt of such request, the commissioner
183 shall conduct such review and notify such board of the results of such
184 review. If the commissioner determines and the board is notified that a
185 parent or guardian of such child (I) is not the subject of such an order or
186 receiving such services, the board shall immediately notify such parent
187 or guardian that such child may be withdrawn and transmit, not later
188 than two business days, such child's education records to such parent or
189 guardian, or (II) is the subject of such an order or receiving such services,
190 the board shall notify such parent or guardian that such withdrawal is
191 not effective and that such child may not be withdrawn from public
192 school.

193 (3) The parent or guardian of a child seventeen years of age may
194 withdraw such child from public school and enroll such child in an
195 adult education program pursuant to section 10-69. Such parent or
196 guardian shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
197 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation (A)
198 from a school counselor or school administrator of the school that such
199 school district has provided such parent or guardian with information
200 on the educational options available in the school system and in the
201 community, and (B) from such parent or guardian that such child will
202 be enrolled in an adult education program upon such child's
203 withdrawal from public school.

204 (4) A student who is eighteen years of age or older may withdraw
205 from public school. The parent or guardian of such student or such
206 student shall personally appear at the school district office and sign a
207 withdrawal form. Such withdrawal form shall include an attestation

208 from a guidance counselor, school counselor or school administrator of
209 the school that such school district has provided such parent, guardian
210 or student with information on the educational options available in the
211 school system and in the community.

212 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) For the school year
213 commencing July 1, 2028, and each school year thereafter, the parent or
214 guardian of a child receiving equivalent instruction and for whom an
215 intent to educate form was signed or a continuation of equivalent
216 instruction form was submitted for the school year, pursuant to section
217 10-184 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, shall show that
218 such child is receiving equivalent instruction in the studies taught in the
219 public schools by providing a demonstration of equivalent instruction
220 of such child's academic work for the school year, in accordance with
221 the guidance developed by the Department of Education pursuant to
222 section 3 of this act. The purpose of the demonstration of equivalent
223 instruction is to ensure that such child is being educated. A
224 demonstration of equivalent instruction shall be provided on or after
225 March first and not later than June first of the school year. A parent or
226 guardian shall provide the demonstration of equivalent instruction by
227 (1) submitting a portfolio that may include, but need not be limited to,
228 the curriculum used and academic work completed by such child for
229 the school year, the results of a nationally normed standardized test,
230 evidence of completion of online coursework or taking classes as part of
231 an online academy, or enrollment in courses or programs at the
232 Connecticut State Community College; (2) causing such child to take the
233 state-wide mastery examination, pursuant to section 10-14n of the
234 general statutes, administered by a local or regional board of education
235 or a regional educational service center; or (3) receiving a state high
236 school diploma issued by the Commissioner of Education pursuant to
237 section 10-5 of the general statutes. The demonstration of equivalent
238 instruction shall be submitted to the local or regional board of education
239 for the town in which such child resides. A local or regional board of
240 education may contract with a regional educational service center, the

241 State Education Resource Center or an interdistrict magnet school
242 operator described in section 10-264s of the general statutes to receive
243 the demonstrations of equivalent instruction required to be submitted
244 to the board under this section.

245 (b) The parent or guardian of a child receiving equivalent instruction
246 shall retain all education records of such child for at least three years.
247 Such education records include, but are not limited to, the curriculum
248 used in the provision of equivalent instruction and the academic work
249 completed by such child.

250 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) Not later than July 1, 2027, the
251 Department of Education shall develop (1) guidance for parents and
252 guardians and local and regional boards of education regarding (A) the
253 provision of equivalent instruction in accordance with the provisions of
254 section 10-184 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and (B) the
255 demonstration of equivalent instruction in accordance with the
256 provisions of section 2 of this act, and (2) the intent to educate form,
257 continuation of equivalent instruction form and withdrawal form, as
258 such forms are described in section 10-184 of the general statutes, as
259 amended by this act.

260 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) A local or regional board of education
261 shall permit any child who is a resident of the town of the school district
262 for such board and who is otherwise receiving equivalent instruction
263 pursuant to section 10-184 of the general statutes, as amended by this
264 act, to (1) take up to two classes during the school year in a public school
265 under the jurisdiction of the board, and (2) participate in any
266 extracurricular activities, intramural athletics and interscholastic
267 athletics offered by the board during the school year, provided such
268 child meets the requirements of sections 10-204a and 10-206 of the
269 general statutes and complies with the provisions of the board's student
270 handbook for the school. Such child shall be considered a part-time
271 student for purposes of enrollment in the school district.

272 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, each local and
273 regional board of education shall divide the number of children taking
274 classes or participating in extracurricular activities, intramural athletics
275 or interscholastic athletics under this section by four for purposes of the
276 counts for subdivision (22) of section 10-262f of the general statutes, as
277 amended by this act.

278 Sec. 5. Subdivision (22) of section 10-262f of the general statutes is
279 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
280 *2026*):

281 (22) "Resident students" means the number of pupils of the town
282 enrolled in public schools at the expense of the town on October first or
283 the full school day immediately preceding such date, provided the
284 number shall be decreased by the Department of Education for failure
285 to comply with the provisions of section 10-16 and shall be increased by
286 one one-hundred-eightieth for each full-time equivalent school day in
287 the school year immediately preceding such date of at least five hours
288 of actual school work in excess of one hundred eighty days and nine
289 hundred hours of actual school work and be increased by the full-time
290 equivalent number of such pupils attending the summer sessions
291 immediately preceding such date at the expense of the town; "enrolled"
292 shall include pupils who are (A) scheduled for vacation on the above
293 date and who are expected to return to school as scheduled, and (B)
294 otherwise receiving equivalent instruction pursuant to section 10-184,
295 as amended by this act, and taking a class or participating in
296 extracurricular activities, intramural athletics or interscholastic athletics
297 pursuant to section 4 of this act. Pupils described in subparagraph (B) of
298 this subdivision shall be counted in accordance with the provisions of
299 section 4 of this act. Pupils participating in the program established
300 pursuant to section 10-266aa shall be counted in accordance with the
301 provisions of subsection (h) of section 10-266aa.

302 Sec. 6. Subdivision (1) of subsection (c) of section 10-10a of the general
303 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof

304 (Effective July 1, 2026):

305 (1) Track and report data relating to student, teacher and school and
306 district performance growth and make such information available to
307 local and regional boards of education for use in evaluating educational
308 performance and growth of teachers and students enrolled in public
309 schools in the state. Such information shall be collected or calculated
310 based on information received from local and regional boards of
311 education and other relevant sources. Such information shall include,
312 but not be limited to:

313 (A) In addition to performance on state-wide mastery examinations
314 pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, data relating to students shall
315 include, but not be limited to, (i) the primary language spoken at the
316 home of a student, (ii) student transcripts, (iii) student attendance and
317 student mobility, (iv) reliable, valid assessments of a student's readiness
318 to enter public school at the kindergarten level, and (v) data collected, if
319 any, from the preschool experience survey, described in section 10-515;

320 (B) Data relating to teachers shall include, but not be limited to, (i)
321 teacher credentials, such as master's degrees, teacher preparation
322 programs completed and certification levels and endorsement areas, (ii)
323 teacher assessments, such as whether a teacher is deemed highly
324 qualified pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act, P.L. 107-110, or
325 deemed to meet such other designations as may be established by
326 federal law or regulations for the purposes of tracking the equitable
327 distribution of instructional staff, (iii) the presence of substitute teachers
328 in a teacher's classroom, (iv) class size, (v) numbers relating to
329 absenteeism in a teacher's classroom, and (vi) the presence of a teacher's
330 aide. The department shall assign a unique teacher identifier to each
331 teacher prior to collecting such data in the public school information
332 system;

333 (C) Data relating to schools and districts shall include, but not be
334 limited to, (i) school population, (ii) annual student graduation rates,

335 (iii) annual teacher retention rates, (iv) school disciplinary records, such
336 as data relating to suspensions, expulsions and other disciplinary
337 actions, (v) the percentage of students whose primary language is not
338 English, (vi) the number of and professional credentials of support
339 personnel, (vii) information relating to instructional technology, such as
340 access to computers, [and] (viii) disaggregated measures of school-
341 based arrests pursuant to section 10-233n, (ix) the number of children
342 receiving equivalent instruction for whom an intent to educate form was
343 signed or a continuation of equivalent instruction form was submitted
344 pursuant to section 10-184, as amended by this act, and (x) the number
345 of children receiving equivalent instruction and who are taking classes
346 or participating in extracurricular activities, intramural athletics or
347 interscholastic athletics pursuant to section 4 of this act.

348 Sec. 7. Subsection (g) of section 17a-28 of the 2026 supplement to the
349 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
350 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2026*):

351 (g) The department shall disclose records, subject to subsections (b)
352 and (c) of this section, without the consent of the person who is the
353 subject of the record, to:

354 (1) The person named in the record or such person's authorized
355 representative, provided such disclosure shall be limited to information
356 (A) contained in the record about such person or about such person's
357 biological or adoptive minor child, if such person's parental rights to
358 such child have not been terminated; and (B) identifying an individual
359 who reported abuse or neglect of the person, including any tape
360 recording of an oral report pursuant to section 17a-103, if a court
361 determines that there is reasonable cause to believe the reporter
362 knowingly made a false report or that the interests of justice require
363 disclosure;

364 (2) An employee of the department for any purpose reasonably
365 related to the performance of such employee's duties;

366 (3) A guardian ad litem or attorney appointed to represent a child or
367 youth in litigation affecting the best interests of the child or youth;

368 (4) An attorney representing a parent, guardian or child in a petition
369 filed in the Superior Court pursuant to section 17a-112 or 46b-129,
370 provided (A) if such records do not pertain to such attorney's client or
371 such client's child, such records shall not be further disclosed to another
372 individual or entity by such attorney except pursuant to the order of a
373 court of competent jurisdiction, (B) if such records are confidential
374 pursuant to federal law, such records shall not be disclosed to such
375 attorney or such attorney's client unless such attorney or such attorney's
376 client is otherwise entitled to such records, and (C) nothing in this
377 subdivision shall limit the disclosure of records under subdivision (3) of
378 this subsection;

379 (5) The Attorney General, any assistant attorney general or any other
380 legal counsel retained to represent the department during the course of
381 a legal proceeding involving the department or an employee of the
382 department;

383 (6) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;

384 (7) The Chief Public Defender or the Chief Public Defender's designee
385 for purposes of ensuring competent representation by the attorneys
386 with whom the Chief Public Defender contracts to provide legal and
387 guardian ad litem services to the subjects of such records and for
388 ensuring accurate payments for services rendered by such attorneys;

389 (8) The Chief State's Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's designee
390 for purposes of investigating or prosecuting (A) an allegation related to
391 child abuse or neglect, (B) an allegation that an individual made a false
392 report of suspected child abuse or neglect, (C) an allegation that a
393 mandated reporter failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect in
394 accordance with section 17a-101a, provided such prosecuting authority
395 shall have access to records of a child charged with the commission of a
396 delinquent act, who is not being charged with an offense related to child

397 abuse, only while the case is being prosecuted and after obtaining a
398 release, or (D) an allegation of fraud in the receipt of public or private
399 benefits, provided no information identifying the subject of the record
400 is disclosed unless such information is essential to such investigation or
401 prosecution;

402 (9) A state or federal law enforcement officer, including a military law
403 enforcement authority under the United States Department of Defense,
404 for purposes of investigating (A) an allegation related to child abuse or
405 neglect, (B) an allegation that an individual made a false report of
406 suspected child abuse or neglect, or (C) an allegation that a mandated
407 reporter failed to report suspected child abuse or neglect in accordance
408 with section 17a-101a;

409 (10) A foster or prospective adoptive parent, if the records pertain to
410 a child or youth currently placed with the foster or prospective adoptive
411 parent, or a child or youth being considered for placement with the
412 foster or prospective adoptive parent, and the records are necessary to
413 address the social, medical, psychological or educational needs of the
414 child or youth, provided no information identifying a biological parent
415 is disclosed without the permission of such biological parent;

416 (11) The Governor, when requested in writing in the course of the
417 Governor's official functions, the joint standing committee of the
418 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
419 services, the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
420 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary or the joint standing
421 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
422 relating to children, when requested in writing by any of such
423 committees in the course of such committee's official functions, and
424 upon a majority vote of such committee, provided no name or other
425 identifying information is disclosed unless such information is essential
426 to the gubernatorial or legislative purpose;

427 (12) The Office of Early Childhood for the purpose of (A) determining

428 the suitability of a person to care for children in a facility licensed
429 pursuant to section 19a-77, 19a-80, 19a-87b or 19a-421; (B) determining
430 the suitability of such person for licensure; (C) determining the
431 suitability of a person to provide child care services to a child and
432 receive a child care subsidy pursuant to section 17b-749k; (D) an
433 investigation conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f; (E) notifying the
434 office when the Department of Children and Families places an
435 individual licensed or certified by the office on the child abuse and
436 neglect registry pursuant to section 17a-101k; or (F) notifying the office
437 when the Department of Children and Families possesses information
438 regarding an office regulatory violation committed by an individual
439 licensed or certified by the office;

440 (13) The Department of Developmental Services, (A) to allow said
441 department to determine eligibility, facilitate enrollment and plan for
442 the provision of services to a child who is a client of said department
443 and who is applying to enroll in or is enrolled in said department's
444 behavioral services program. At the time that a parent or guardian
445 completes an application for enrollment of a child in the Department of
446 Developmental Services' children's services program, or at the time that
447 said department updates a child's annual individualized plan of care,
448 said department shall notify such parent or guardian that the
449 Department of Children and Families may provide records to the
450 Department of Developmental Services for the purposes specified in this
451 subdivision without the consent of such parent or guardian; or (B) for
452 purposes of an investigation pursuant to section 46a-11c;

453 (14) Any individual or entity for the purposes of identifying resources
454 that will promote the permanency plan of a child or youth approved by
455 the court pursuant to sections 17a-11, 17a-111b and 46b-129;

456 (15) A state agency that licenses or certifies a person to educate, care
457 for or provide services to children or youths;

458 (16) A judge or employee of a Probate Court who requires access to

459 such records in order to perform such judge's or employee's official
460 duties;

461 (17) A judge of the Superior Court for purposes of determining the
462 appropriate disposition of a child adjudicated as delinquent;

463 (18) A judge of the Superior Court in a criminal prosecution for
464 purposes of in camera inspection whenever (A) the court has ordered
465 that the record be provided to the court; or (B) a party to the proceeding
466 has issued a subpoena for the record;

467 (19) A judge of the Superior Court and all necessary parties in a
468 family violence proceeding when such records concern family violence
469 with respect to the child who is the subject of the proceeding or the
470 parent of such child who is the subject of the proceeding;

471 (20) The Auditors of Public Accounts, or their representative,
472 provided no information identifying the subject of the record is
473 disclosed unless such information is essential to an audit conducted
474 pursuant to section 2-90;

475 (21) A local or regional board of education, provided the records are
476 limited to educational records created or obtained by the state or
477 Connecticut Unified School District #2, established pursuant to section
478 17a-37;

479 (22) The superintendent of schools for any school district for the
480 purpose of determining the suitability of a person to be employed by
481 the local or regional board of education for such school district pursuant
482 to subsection (a) of section 10-221d;

483 (23) The Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of criminal
484 history records checks pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-44,
485 provided information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall be
486 limited to information included on the Department of Children and
487 Families child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section

488 17a-101k, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and 17a-101k
489 concerning the nondisclosure of findings of responsibility for abuse and
490 neglect;

491 (24) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for the
492 purpose of treatment planning for young adults who have transitioned
493 from the care of the Department of Children and Families;

494 (25) The superintendent of a public school district or the executive
495 director or other head of a public or private institution for children
496 providing care for children or a private school (A) pursuant to sections
497 17a-11, 17a-101b, 17a-101c, 17a-101i, 17a-111b and 46b-129, or (B) when
498 the Department of Children and Families places an individual
499 employed by such institution or school on the child abuse and neglect
500 registry pursuant to section 17a-101k;

501 (26) The Department of Social Services for the purpose of (A)
502 determining the suitability of a person for payment from the
503 Department of Social Services for providing child care; (B) promoting
504 the health, safety and welfare of a child or youth receiving services from
505 either department; or (C) investigating allegations of fraud provided no
506 information identifying the subject of the record is disclosed unless such
507 information is essential to any such investigation;

508 (27) The Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Branch, for
509 the purpose of (A) determining the supervision and treatment needs of
510 a child or youth or any other person, and provide appropriate
511 supervision and treatment services to such child or youth or any other
512 person, or (B) sharing common case records to track recidivism of
513 juvenile offenders;

514 (28) The birth-to-three program's referral intake office for the purpose
515 of (A) determining eligibility of, (B) facilitating enrollment for, and (C)
516 providing services to (i) substantiated victims of child abuse and neglect
517 with suspected developmental delays, and (ii) newborns impacted by
518 withdrawal symptoms resulting from prenatal drug exposure;

519 (29) The Department of Public Health for (A) the purpose of
520 notification when the Commissioner of Children and Families places an
521 individual licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health on
522 the child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to section 17a-
523 101k, and (B) purposes relating to the licensure of the Albert J. Solnit
524 Children's Center and the administration of licensing requirements
525 established pursuant to or set forth in sections 19a-134 and 19a-498;

526 (30) The Department of Correction, for the purpose of determining
527 the supervision and treatment needs of a child or youth, and providing
528 appropriate supervision and treatment services to such child or youth;

529 (31) Any child placing agency subject to licensure by the Department
530 of Children and Families, for the purpose of determining the suitability
531 of a person (A) for employment by such agency, or (B) to adopt or
532 provide foster care pursuant to sections 17a-114 and 17a-151;

533 (32) The Department of Administrative Services, for the purpose of
534 determining whether an applicant for employment with the state, who
535 would have contact with children in the course of such employment,
536 appears on the child abuse or neglect registry maintained pursuant to
537 section 17a-101k;

538 (33) Any individual, upon the request of such individual, when the
539 information concerns an incident of abuse or neglect that resulted in the
540 fatality or near fatality of a child or youth, provided (A) such disclosure
541 shall be limited to (i) the cause and circumstances of such fatality or near
542 fatality, (ii) the age and gender of such child or youth, (iii) a description
543 of any previous reports of or investigations into child abuse or neglect
544 that are relevant to the child abuse or neglect that led to such fatality or
545 near fatality, (iv) the findings of any such investigations, and (v) a
546 description of any services provided and actions taken by the state on
547 behalf of such child or youth that are relevant to the child abuse or
548 neglect that led to such fatality or near fatality, and (B) the department
549 shall not make any disclosure that is prohibited by the provisions of any

550 relevant federal law, including, but not limited to, Titles IV-B and IV-E
551 of the Social Security Act, as amended from time to time. The
552 department may withhold the disclosure of any records described in
553 this subdivision if the commissioner determines that such disclosure
554 may (i) result in harm to the safety or well-being of the child or youth
555 who is the subject of such records, the family of such child or youth, or
556 any individual who made a report of abuse or neglect pertaining to such
557 child or youth, or (ii) interfere with a pending criminal investigation;
558 [and]

559 (34) The Office of Policy and Management, for purposes of labor
560 relations investigations conducted on behalf of the Department of
561 Children and Families; and

562 (35) A local or regional board of education in response to a request by
563 such board pursuant to section 10-184, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2027</i>	10-184
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-262f(22)
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-10a(c)(1)
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	17a-28(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To address issues relating to the provision of equivalent instruction in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]