



Substitute Senate Bill No. 157

Public Act No. 26-25

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL CAMP SAFETY.

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

Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

(b) The following persons shall be mandated reporters: (1) Any physician or surgeon licensed under the provisions of chapter 370, (2) any resident physician or intern in any hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed, (3) any registered nurse, (4) any licensed practical nurse, (5) any medical examiner, (6) any dentist, (7) any dental hygienist, (8) any psychologist, (9) any school employee, as defined in section 53a-65, (10) any social worker, (11) any person who holds or is issued a coaching permit by the State Board of Education, is a coach of intramural or interscholastic athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (12) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of youth athletics and is eighteen years of age or older, (13) any individual who is employed as a coach or director of a private youth sports organization, league or team and is eighteen years of age or older, (14) any paid administrator, faculty, staff, athletic director, athletic coach or athletic trainer employed by a public or private institution of higher education who is eighteen years of age or older, excluding student employees, (15) any police

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officer, (16) any juvenile or adult probation officer, (17) any juvenile or adult parole officer, (18) any member of the clergy, (19) any pharmacist, (20) any physical therapist, (21) any optometrist, (22) any chiropractor, (23) any podiatrist, (24) any mental health professional, (25) any physician assistant, (26) any person who is a licensed or certified emergency medical services provider, (27) any person who is a licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor, (28) any person who is a licensed marital and family therapist, (29) any person who is a sexual assault counselor or a domestic violence counselor, as defined in section 52-146k, (30) any person who is a licensed professional counselor, (31) any person who is a licensed foster parent, (32) any person paid to care for a child in any public or private facility, child care center, group child care home or family child care home licensed by the state, (33) any employee of the Department of Children and Families or any person who, in the performance of such person's duties, has regular contact with and provides services to or on behalf of children pursuant to a contract with or credential issued by the Department of Children and Families, (34) any employee of the Office of Early Childhood who is responsible for the licensing of child care centers, group child care homes, family child care homes or youth camps, (35) any paid [youth camp] director, assistant director and staff member of a youth camp, as defined in section 19a-420, or a youth camp operated by a municipal agency, who is twenty-one years of age or older, (36) the Child Advocate and any employee of the Office of the Child Advocate, (37) any person who is a licensed behavior analyst, (38) any family relations counselor, family relations counselor trainee or family services supervisor employed by the Judicial Department, (39) any victim services advocate employed by the Office of Victim Services within the Judicial Department, (40) any employee of a juvenile justice program operated by or pursuant to a contract with the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial Department, and (41) any person employed, including any person employed under contract and any independent ombudsperson, to work at a juvenile detention facility or any other facility where

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children under eighteen years of age are detained and who has direct contact with children as part of such employment.

Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2027, the Office of Early Childhood, in consultation with a state-wide association advocating on behalf of municipal parks and recreation departments, a state-wide organization advocating for the interests of small towns and a state-wide organization of municipal leaders, shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, a list of each municipal youth camp in the state, and details concerning (1) the physical environment and types of facilities and settings in which each such camp operates, (2) the number and age range of children served by each such camp in the prior calendar year, (3) the number of individuals employed by each such camp in the prior calendar year, (4) each such camp's operating schedule, including the dates during which children attended each such camp in the prior calendar year, (5) whether each such camp requires employees to receive training in emergency first aid or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and, if so, how often such training is required, (6) whether each such camp authorizes employees to administer medication to children and offers training to employees concerning the administration of medication, (7) whether each such camp accepts child care assistance subsidy payments, (8) whether each such camp maintains written policies and procedures concerning employee hiring and training or the safety and maintenance of facilities and equipment, (9) whether each such camp conducts criminal background checks on prospective or current employees, and (10) the extent to which each such camp's written policies and procedures comport with regulatory requirements pertaining to youth camps, as defined in section 19a-420 of the general statutes, licensed by the Office of Early Childhood.

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