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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5468

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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION."

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) (a) Subject to the provisions
4 of subsection (b) of this section, for the school year commencing July 1,
5 2026, and each school year thereafter, the parent or guardian of a child
6 enrolled in a public, private or parochial school may withdraw such
7 child from such public, private or parochial school. Such parent or
8 guardian shall personally appear at the school district office or the
9 private or parochial school and sign a withdrawal form. Such parent or
10 guardian shall provide on such withdrawal form the name of each adult
11 who is eighteen years of age or older who resides in the home with such
12 child and the year of birth for each such adult. Such withdrawal shall
13 not be effective until the superintendent of schools, or the
14 superintendent's designee, or the chief administrator of the private or

15 parochial school notifies such parent or guardian that such child may be
16 withdrawn following receipt of notice under subsection (b) of this
17 section.

18 (b) Not later than twenty-four hours following receipt of a
19 withdrawal form under subsection (a) of this section, the
20 superintendent of schools, or the superintendent's designee, or the chief
21 administrator of the private or parochial school shall contact the
22 Department of Children and Families and make an inquiry concerning
23 each adult who resides with such child and is eighteen years of age or
24 older. Such inquiry shall include the following: Whether (1) such child
25 is currently the subject of an open investigation being conducted by the
26 Department of Children and Families concerning an allegation of abuse
27 or neglect under section 17a-101g of the general statutes, or (2) such
28 adult has had an allegation of abuse or neglect substantiated during the
29 previous five-year period. If such inquiry finds that such child is
30 currently the subject of an open investigation being conducted by the
31 department concerning an allegation of abuse or neglect, such
32 withdrawal shall not be effective and such child may not be withdrawn
33 from the public, private or parochial school pursuant to this subsection
34 until such investigation is closed or the parent or guardian of such child
35 consents to monitoring by the department while such investigation is
36 pending. If such inquiry finds that any such adult has had an allegation
37 of abuse or neglect substantiated during the previous five-year period,
38 such withdrawal shall be effective and the department shall be notified
39 of such child's withdrawal from the public, private or parochial school.
40 If such inquiry finds that any such child is not currently the subject of
41 an open investigation by the department concerning an allegation of
42 abuse or neglect, such withdrawal shall be effective. Not later than forty-
43 eight hours following the commencement of such inquiry, the
44 superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, or the chief
45 administrator of the private or parochial school shall notify such parent
46 or guardian whether such withdrawal is effective. If such withdrawal is
47 not effective, the superintendent, or the superintendent's designee, shall
48 provide such parent or guardian with the reason such withdrawal is not

49 effective."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section