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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."**

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- 1 In line 90, strike "and"
 - 2 After line 90, insert "(8) Information regarding the effectiveness of the
 - 3 grant program established under subsection (b) of section 17a-22ii of the
 - 4 general statutes; and"
 - 5 In line 91, strike "(8)" and insert in lieu thereof "(9)"
 - 6 Strike section 8 in its entirety and renumber the remaining sections
 - 7 and internal references accordingly
 - 8 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
 - 9 internal references accordingly:
 - 10 "Sec. 501. Section 10a-57g of the 2026 supplement to the general

11 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
12 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

13 (a) As used in this section:

14 (1) ["Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information
15 Network" or "P20 WIN"] "Data Link Connecticut" or "DataLinkCT"
16 means a state integrated data system utilized for the purpose of
17 matching and integrating data of state agencies and other organizations
18 to inform policy and practice for education, workforce and supportive
19 service efforts.

20 (2) "Participating agency" means the Connecticut State Colleges and
21 Universities, Department of Education, Labor Department, the Office of
22 Early Childhood, The University of Connecticut, the Connecticut
23 Conference of Independent Colleges and any entity that has executed
24 an enterprise memorandum of understanding for participation in [the
25 P20 WIN] DataLinkCT and has been approved for participation
26 pursuant to the terms of the enterprise memorandum of understanding.

27 (3) "Enterprise memorandum of understanding" means a
28 foundational multiparty agreement that sets forth the details of how
29 data is shared and the respective legal rights and responsibilities of each
30 party within the data sharing process.

31 (b) There is established [a Preschool through Twenty and Workforce
32 Information Network] Data Link Connecticut. The executive board of
33 [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, established pursuant to subsection (d) of
34 this section, shall establish processes and structures governing the
35 secure sharing of data across participating agencies.

36 (c) The Office of Policy and Management shall serve as the
37 administrator for [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT to support the executive board
38 and data governing board, develop procedures for secure sharing and
39 analysis of data and provide program management to support the
40 continued operation and maintenance of [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, in
41 accordance with the state data plan and data sharing efforts specified in

42 sections 4-67n and 4-67p.

43 (d) [The P20 WIN] DataLinkCT shall be governed by an executive
44 board that shall provide oversight of such network. Said executive
45 board shall include, but need not be limited to, the chief executive officer
46 of each participating agency, or their respective designees, the Chief
47 Workforce Officer, or the officer's designee, and the Secretary of the
48 Office of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee. The duties
49 of the executive board shall be to:

50 (1) Advance a vision for [the P20 WIN including] DataLinkCT that
51 includes a prioritized research agenda with support from the Office of
52 Policy and Management.

53 (2) Convene as needed to respond to issues from the data governing
54 board.

55 (3) Identify and work to secure resources necessary to sustain [P20
56 WIN] DataLinkCT funding.

57 (4) Support system implementation, maintenance and improvement
58 by advocating for [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT in regard to policy,
59 legislation and resources.

60 (5) Advocate for and support the state's vision for [the P20 WIN]
61 DataLinkCT.

62 (6) Establish a data governing board to establish and implement
63 policies related to cross-agency data management, including, but not
64 limited to, data confidentiality and security in alignment with the vision
65 for [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT and any applicable law. In establishing
66 such policies, the data governing board shall consult with the Office of
67 Policy and Management, in accordance with the provisions of sections
68 4-67n and 4-67p and other applicable statutes and policies.

69 (e) The executive board established pursuant to this section may
70 appoint advisory committees to make recommendations on data

71 stewardship, data system expansion and processes, and such other areas
72 that will advance the work of [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT.

73 (f) (1) Each regional workforce development board established under
74 section 31-3k shall regularly submit data to [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT
75 to report on the performance and outcomes achieved by the state's
76 workforce system, including, but not limited to, workforce training and
77 development programs that receive federal and state funds or grants.
78 Not later than September 1, 2025, the Chief Workforce Officer shall, in
79 consultation with the Labor Commissioner, the Chief Data Officer and
80 the regional workforce development boards, establish standards for the
81 submission of data by regional workforce development boards
82 specifying the data to be submitted and the form and manner in which
83 to submit such data.

84 (2) On or before January 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the Chief
85 Workforce Officer may, in consultation with the Chief Data Officer and
86 the Labor Commissioner, submit to the administrator of [the P20 WIN]
87 DataLinkCT a request for data and analysis of such data for the
88 purposes of assessing performance and outcomes of the state's
89 workforce system. Such data and analysis request shall be completed by
90 the administrator of [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT not later than August
91 15, 2022, and annually thereafter.

92 (g) Not later than October 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each
93 constituent unit of the state system of higher education, as defined in
94 section 10a-1, and such constituent unit's central or system office, if any,
95 shall submit, in a manner that complies with the requirements of the
96 Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g, as amended
97 from time to time, data to [the P20 WIN] DataLinkCT to report on the
98 outcomes of postsecondary education and workforce development
99 programs operated by such constituent unit. Not later than September
100 1, 2025, the Chief Data Officer shall specify the form and manner in
101 which to submit such data. Any report produced from such data shall
102 be in aggregated form and, consistent with any other provision of state
103 or federal law, shall not include any personally identifiable information

104 of students or participants in such programs.

105 Sec. 502. Subsection (c) of section 4-124w of the 2026 supplement to
106 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
107 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

108 (c) The Chief Workforce Officer may call upon any office,
109 department, board, commission, public institution of higher education
110 or other agency of the state to supply such reports, information, data
111 and assistance as may be reasonable, necessary and appropriate in order
112 to carry out the Chief Workforce Officer's or the Office of Workforce
113 Strategy's duties and requirements. Each officer or employee of such
114 office, department, board, commission, public institution of higher
115 education or other agency of the state shall furnish such reports,
116 information, data and assistance as requested by the Chief Workforce
117 Officer, to the extent permitted under state and federal law. Any request
118 for data from a participating agency in [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT,
119 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall be
120 submitted through [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT in accordance with the
121 policies and procedures established by [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT.

122 Sec. 503. Subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of section 10-15o of the 2026
123 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
124 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

125 (2) Compile and analyze data on students and young people, through
126 available data systems, including, but not limited to, [the Connecticut
127 Preschool through Twenty and Workforce Information Network] Data
128 Link Connecticut, established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended
129 by this act;

130 Sec. 504. Subdivision (19) of subsection (b) of section 12-15 of the 2026
131 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following is
132 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

133 (19) To the extent allowable under federal law, return information to
134 another state agency or to support a data request submitted through

135 [P20 WIN] DataLinkCT, established in section 10a-57g, as amended by
136 this act, in accordance with the policies and procedures of [P20 WIN]
137 DataLinkCT for the purposes of evaluation or research, provided the
138 recipient of such data enters into a data sharing agreement pursuant to
139 section 4-67aa if such recipient is not a state agency;

140 Sec. 505. Subsection (e) of section 17b-112l of the 2026 supplement to
141 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
142 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

143 (e) Not later than July 1, 2020, pursuant to the advisory authority
144 established in section 3-125, the Office of the Attorney General, in
145 consultation with the Two-Generational Advisory Board, the Secretary
146 of the Office of Policy and Management, the Chief Data Officer
147 appointed pursuant to section 4-67p and [the Preschool through Twenty
148 and Workforce Information Network] Data Link Connecticut,
149 established pursuant to section 10a-57g, as amended by this act, shall
150 develop a uniform interagency data sharing protocol to remove legal
151 barriers to promote cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration under
152 this section to the fullest extent permitted under state and federal laws.

153 Sec. 506. Section 22 of public act 24-45 is repealed and the following
154 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

155 Not later than [January 1, 2025] July 1, 2027, and [annually] biennially
156 thereafter, the executive board of [the Connecticut Preschool Through
157 Twenty and Workforce Information Network] Data Link Connecticut,
158 established pursuant to section 10a-57g of the general statutes, as
159 amended by this act, shall submit [an annual] a report on disconnected
160 youth. In developing such report, the executive board shall use the data
161 model established through the data sharing agreement 0043 regarding
162 Research on Disengaged and Disconnected Youth in Connecticut. The
163 executive board shall submit such report to the joint standing
164 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
165 relating to education, children, the judiciary, labor, human services,
166 public health and appropriations, in accordance with the provisions of

167 section 11-4a of the general statutes. As used in this section,
168 "disconnected youth" has the same meaning as provided in section 21 of
169 [this act] public act 24-45."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	10a-57g
Sec. 502	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	4-124w(c)
Sec. 503	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	10-15o(b)(2)
Sec. 504	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	12-15(b)(19)
Sec. 505	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	17b-112l(e)
Sec. 506	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	PA 24-45, Sec. 22