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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF PARENT-MANAGED LEARNING."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (b) of section 10-198a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
5 *2026*):

6 (b) Each local and regional board of education shall adopt and
7 implement policies and procedures concerning truants who are enrolled
8 in schools under the jurisdiction of such board of education. Such
9 policies and procedures shall include, but need not be limited to, the
10 following: (1) The holding of a meeting with the parent of each child
11 who is a truant, or other person having control of such child, and
12 appropriate school personnel and a representative from the Department

13 of Children and Families to review and evaluate the reasons for the child
14 being a truant, provided such meeting shall be held not later than ten
15 school days after the child's fourth unexcused absence in a month or
16 tenth unexcused absence in a school year, (2) coordinating services with
17 and referrals of children to community agencies providing child and
18 family services, (3) annually at the beginning of the school year and
19 upon any enrollment during the school year, notifying the parent or
20 other person having control of each child enrolled in a grade from
21 kindergarten to eight, inclusive, in the public schools in writing of the
22 obligations of the parent or such other person pursuant to section 10-
23 184, as amended by this act, (4) annually at the beginning of the school
24 year and upon any enrollment during the school year, obtaining from
25 the parent or other person having control of each child in a grade from
26 kindergarten to eight, inclusive, a telephone number or other means of
27 contacting such parent or such other person during the school day, (5)
28 (A) on or before August 15, 2018, the implementation of a truancy
29 intervention model identified by the Department of Education pursuant
30 to subsection (a) of section 10-198e for any school under its jurisdiction
31 that has a disproportionately high rate of truancy, as determined by the
32 Commissioner of Education, and (B) on or before September 1, 2023, the
33 adoption and implementation of a truancy intervention model
34 developed by the Department of Education pursuant to subsection (b)
35 of section 10-198e that accounts for mental and behavioral health, or a
36 similar truancy intervention plan that meets all of the requirements for
37 a truancy intervention model set forth in subsection (b) of said section,
38 (6) a system of monitoring individual unexcused absences of children in
39 grades kindergarten to eight, inclusive, which shall provide that
40 whenever a child enrolled in school in any such grade fails to report to
41 school on a regularly scheduled school day and no indication has been
42 received by school personnel that the child's parent or other person
43 having control of the child is aware of the pupil's absence, a reasonable
44 effort to notify, by telephone and by mail, the parent or such other
45 person shall be made by school personnel or volunteers under the
46 direction of school personnel, (7) providing notice to the parent or
47 guardian of a child who is a truant of the information concerning the

48 existence and availability of the 2-1-1 Infoline program, and other
49 pediatric mental and behavioral health screening services and tools
50 described in section 17a-22rt, and (8) on and after July 1, 2023, a
51 requirement that an appropriate school mental health specialist, as
52 defined in section 12 of public act 22-47, conduct an evaluation of each
53 child who is a truant to determine if additional behavioral health
54 interventions are necessary for the well-being of the child. Any person
55 who, in good faith, gives or fails to give notice pursuant to subdivision
56 (6) of this subsection shall be immune from any liability, civil or
57 criminal, which might otherwise be incurred or imposed and shall have
58 the same immunity with respect to any judicial proceeding which
59 results from such notice or failure to give such notice.

60 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2026*) The superintendent of schools
61 shall request the Department of Children and Families to conduct a
62 home visit at the residence of the parent or other person having control
63 of such child who is a truant and who fails to schedule or attend the
64 meeting described in subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of section 10-198a
65 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The department shall
66 conduct such home visit not later than forty-eight hours following
67 receipt of such request."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	10-198a(b)
Sec. 502	<i>July 1, 2026</i>	New section