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**Raised Bill No. 5335**

LCO No. 2098



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION  
CONCERNING CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Operator" and "youth athletic activity" have the same meanings  
3 as provided in section 21a-432 of the general statutes; and
- 4 (2) "Youth coach" means any person who (A) holds or is issued a  
5 coaching permit by the State Board of Education, or (B) volunteers or is  
6 paid to act as a head coach, manager or instructor or an assistant coach,  
7 assistant manager or assistant instructor of a youth athletic activity  
8 conducted on a field, court or other recreational area owned, operated  
9 or managed by a municipality.
- 10 (b) Not later than December 1, 2020, the Department of Children and  
11 Families, in collaboration with a national association of adult survivors  
12 of child abuse, shall (1) develop a one-page document that provides  
13 instruction and best practices to youth coaches concerning ways to  
14 appropriately interact with and talk to youth athletes, and (2) make such

15 document available on the department's Internet web site.

16 (c) Not later than January 1, 2021, and annually thereafter, each  
17 operator shall distribute a copy of the document developed pursuant to  
18 subsection (b) of this section to each person who is paid to act or  
19 volunteers as a youth coach for such operator. Such distribution may  
20 occur by electronic mail if the electronic mail address of the recipient is  
21 known to the operator.

22 (d) Not later than December 1, 2020, the Department of Children and  
23 Families, in collaboration with a national association of adult survivors  
24 of child abuse, shall (1) develop a one-page document that describes (A)  
25 the stages of grooming typically employed by those who engage in child  
26 sexual abuse, (B) behaviors that victims of child sexual abuse may  
27 engage in or exhibit as a result of such sexual abuse, and (C) for victims  
28 of child sexual abuse, how to tell a parent or other adult that such sexual  
29 abuse is occurring or has occurred, and (2) make such document  
30 available on the department's Internet web site.

31 (e) On and after January 1, 2021, upon the enrollment or registration  
32 of any participant in a youth athletic activity, each operator shall  
33 distribute a copy of the document developed pursuant to subsection (d)  
34 of this section to the parent or guardian of such participant. Such  
35 distribution may occur by electronic mail if the electronic mail address  
36 of the recipient is known to the operator.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Department of Children and Families to develop and operators of youth athletic activities to distribute information concerning appropriate interactions with children and child sexual abuse to youth coaches, participants in youth athletic activities and parents or guardians of such participants.

*[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.]*