



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1093

January Session, 2023



**AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
CONCERNING EDUCATION.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-220 of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (g) as follows (*Effective January 1, 2024*):

3 (NEW) (g) On and after July 1, 2024, any local or regional board of
4 education that reports, in a strategic school profile report submitted in
5 accordance with subsection (c) of this section, a rate of in-school
6 suspensions, out-of-school suspensions and expulsions that is deemed
7 high or disproportionate by the Commissioner of Education shall
8 develop and submit a response and improvement plan to the
9 Department of Education. The purpose of such plan shall be to reduce
10 the number of such suspensions and expulsions at the school that is
11 the subject of the strategic school profile report. Such local or regional
12 board of education shall annually update and submit the board's
13 response and improvement plan to the department until the rate of
14 such suspensions and expulsions is no longer deemed high or
15 disproportionate by the Commissioner of Education. When any local
16 or regional board of education submits a response and improvement
17 plan or any update to such response and plan to the department, such
18 board shall report such response, plan or update, in accordance with

19 the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the
20 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education.

21 Sec. 2. (*Effective January 1, 2024*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the
22 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, in consultation with
23 the Commissioner of Education, shall reclassify not less than four
24 authorized positions at the Department of Education that remain
25 unfilled for the purpose of providing support, on-site monitoring and
26 oversight of schools that are implementing an improvement plan
27 submitted to the department pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-
28 220 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. The department
29 shall use funds appropriated to the department's personal services
30 account for the purpose of filling the four staff positions reclassified
31 pursuant to this section.

32 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) Not later than January 1, 2024,
33 the Department of Education shall provide to each local and regional
34 board of education a list of recommended assessments for screening
35 students who exhibit mental health distress or who have been
36 identified as at risk of suicide. Such list may include, but need not be
37 limited to, the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale.

38 Sec. 4. Subsection (f) of section 10-221 of the general statutes is
39 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
40 *1, 2023*):

41 (f) Each local and regional board of education shall adopt a written
42 policy and procedures for dealing with youth suicide prevention and
43 youth suicide attempts. Each such board of education may (1) establish
44 a student assistance program to identify risk factors for youth suicide,
45 procedures to intervene with such youths, referral services and
46 training for teachers and other school professionals and students who
47 provide assistance in the program, and (2) use an assessment to screen
48 students who exhibit mental health distress or who have been
49 identified as at risk of suicide from a list of such assessments
50 recommended by the Department of Education pursuant to section 3

51 of this act.

52 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2023, and
53 annually thereafter, until July 1, 2026, each local or regional board of
54 education shall submit to the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight
55 Committee, established pursuant to section 46b-121n of the general
56 statutes, and the Department of Education a report concerning (1) the
57 total number of students at schools under the jurisdiction of such
58 board who were expelled and placed in alternative educational
59 opportunities, offered pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-233d of
60 the general statutes, during the prior year, disaggregated by type of
61 alternative educational opportunity in a manner that does not result in
62 the disclosure of data identifiable to individual students in accordance
63 with 34 CFR 99 et seq., as amended from time to time, (2) for any such
64 placement of a student in an alternative educational opportunity
65 during the prior year, the name of such alternative educational
66 opportunity and the number of credits completed by the student
67 placed in such alternative educational opportunity in a manner that
68 does not result in the disclosure of data identifiable to individual
69 students in accordance with 34 CFR 99 et seq., as amended from time
70 to time, and (3) for each alternative educational opportunity offered by
71 such board of education, a description of such alternative educational
72 opportunity and how such alternative educational opportunity
73 compares to the standards for the provision of an adequate alternative
74 educational opportunity adopted by the State Board of Education
75 pursuant to section 10-233o of the general statutes.

76 Sec. 6. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2024*) (a) Not later than July 1,
77 2024, the Department of Education shall establish an advisory
78 committee concerning suspensions and expulsions of students in
79 grades preschool to two, inclusive.

80 (b) The membership of the advisory committee established pursuant
81 to subsection (a) of this section shall (1) be appointed by the
82 Commissioner of Education, and (2) include, but need not be limited
83 to, one or more members of the education subcommittee of the

84 Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee, established pursuant
85 to section 46b-121n of the general statutes, provided no legislator may
86 be appointed to the advisory committee.

87 (c) The duties of the advisory committee established pursuant to
88 subsection (a) of this section may include, but need not be limited to,
89 (1) developing guidance to reduce the number of out-of-school
90 suspensions and expulsions of students in grades preschool to two,
91 inclusive, (2) providing evidence-based and developmentally
92 appropriate definitions and examples of conduct that is of a violent or
93 sexual nature in the context that such conduct may allow an out-of-
94 school suspension of a student in grades preschool to two, inclusive,
95 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 10-233c of the general statutes,
96 and (3) recommending developmentally appropriate interventions for
97 a student in grades preschool to two, inclusive, as an alternative to out-
98 of-school suspension.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	10-220(g)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	10-221(f)
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 6	<i>January 1, 2024</i>	New section

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