



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 5698

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The Committee on Children reported through REP. LINEHAN of the 103rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE COLLECTION OF ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES DATA.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1)
2 "adverse childhood experience" means a potentially traumatic event
3 occurring in childhood, including, but not limited to, (A) experiencing
4 or witnessing violence, abuse, neglect, a substance abuse disorder, a
5 suicide attempt or death by suicide, or (B) experiencing instability due
6 to parental separation or incarceration; and (2) "participating
7 municipalities" means the municipalities of Bridgeport, Cheshire, East
8 Hartford, Killingworth, Orange and South Windsor.

9 (b) The Department of Education shall establish an adverse
10 childhood experience survey pilot program to be administered in
11 participating municipalities. Such pilot program shall be for the purpose
12 of collecting data concerning adverse childhood experiences suffered by
13 students in grades four to twelve, inclusive, enrolled in public schools
14 in participating municipalities.

15 (c) Not later than October 1, 2021, the Department of Education shall
 16 develop a survey that requires the student taking the survey to indicate
 17 whether the student has witnessed or experienced one or more
 18 potentially traumatic events, including, but not limited to, (1) violence,
 19 abuse, neglect, a substance abuse disorder, a suicide attempt or death
 20 by suicide; or (2) instability due to parental separation or incarceration.
 21 The survey shall (A) be tailored to the developmental stages of the
 22 students administered the survey, and (B) not include any personally
 23 identifying information.

24 (d) Not later than August 1, 2022, the Department of Education shall
 25 require each public school enrolling students in grades four to twelve,
 26 inclusive, in participating municipalities to administer the survey
 27 developed pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, and report the
 28 results of the survey to the department in a form and manner prescribed
 29 by the department. Such report shall (1) include, but not be limited to,
 30 the number of students in each grade who have suffered each type of
 31 potentially traumatic event; and (2) not include any data concerning the
 32 number or types of potentially traumatic events suffered by any one
 33 student.

34 (e) Not later than December 1, 2022, the Department of Education
 35 shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a
 36 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
 37 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. Such report
 38 shall include a summary of the number of students in each grade in each
 39 participating municipality who have suffered each type of potentially
 40 traumatic event.

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

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section (1)(c) to Section (1)(e), inclusive, "traumatic" was changed to "potentially traumatic" for internal consistency.

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The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 22 \$	FY 23 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to \$65,000	Up to \$100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill results in a cost of up to \$65,000 in FY 22 and up to \$100,000 in FY 23 to the State Department of Education (SDE) associated with developing, administering, and reporting an adverse childhood experiences pilot program. The costs to SDE are based on the development of similar survey-related pilot programs and consist of up to \$15,000 for survey development and up to \$50,000 for the training of SDE staff training and local and regional school district personnel (including substitute teacher time). Both the development and training costs are one-time costs, incurred in FY 22. Up to an additional \$100,000 cost will be incurred in FY 23 for survey administration and reporting materials, staff time, and analysis of the collected data.

The Out Years

There are no out year costs.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

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Yea 11 Nay 3 (03/15/2021)