



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5698

January Session, 2021



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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