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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE,  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS AND ELECTION AUDITS."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. Section 2 of substitute house bill 6374 of the current session,  
4 as amended by House Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
5 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):

6 (a) There is established a Council on Sexual Misconduct Climate  
7 Assessments, which shall be part of the Legislative Department. The  
8 council shall have the following powers and duties: (1) Develop a list of  
9 data points to be collected by institutions of higher education through  
10 student responses to sexual misconduct climate assessments. Such data  
11 points shall include, but not be limited to, data regarding (A) student  
12 awareness of institutional policies and procedures related to sexual  
13 assault, stalking and intimate partner violence, (B) if a student reported  
14 sexual assault, stalking or violence to an institution of higher education  
15 or law enforcement, the response to and results of such report, and (C)

16 student perceptions of campus safety; (2) recommend one or more  
17 sexual misconduct climate assessments that collect the data points  
18 identified by the council; (3) recommend guidelines for the  
19 implementation of such assessments, which shall include, but need not  
20 be limited to, procedures for (A) achieving a high rate of response to  
21 such assessments to ensure statistically accurate survey results, (B)  
22 protecting the confidentiality of respondents to such assessments, and  
23 (C) receiving responses to such assessments from as broad and diverse  
24 a segment of the student population as possible; and (4) perform such  
25 other acts as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the duties  
26 described in this section.

27 (b) The council shall consist of the following members:

28 (1) The cochairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing  
29 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
30 relating to higher education and employment advancement;

31 (2) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
32 who has expertise in the development and design of sexual misconduct  
33 climate assessments;

34 (3) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, who  
35 has expertise in statistics, data analytics or econometrics related to  
36 higher education assessments;

37 (4) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
38 Representatives, who shall be a representative of the Victim Rights  
39 Center of Connecticut;

40 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, who shall be  
41 a Title IX coordinator at an institution of higher education in the state;

42 (6) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's  
43 designee;

44 (7) The president of The University of Connecticut, or the president's  
45 designee;

46 (8) Two designated by the Board of Regents for Higher Education,  
47 one of whom represents the Connecticut State University System and  
48 one of whom represents the regional community-technical college  
49 system;

50 (9) One designated by the Connecticut Conference of Independent  
51 Colleges, who represents the independent institutions of higher  
52 education in the state;

53 (10) Three designated by the Connecticut Alliance to End Sexual  
54 Violence, one of whom is a victim of sexual assault or intimate partner  
55 violence who resides in a rural community in the state, one of whom is  
56 a victim of sexual assault or intimate partner violence who resides in an  
57 urban community in the state and at least one of whom is a person who  
58 is black, indigenous or a person of color;

59 (11) One designated by the Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic  
60 Violence, who is a victim of intimate partner violence;

61 (12) One designated by True Colors, Inc., who identifies as lesbian,  
62 gay, bisexual, transgender or a queer;

63 (13) The staff director of the Every Voice Coalition of Connecticut, or  
64 the staff director's designee; and

65 (14) Three students, designated by the Every Voice Coalition of  
66 Connecticut, one of whom is enrolled at a public institution of higher  
67 education, one of whom is enrolled at an independent institution of  
68 higher education and at least one of whom is a person who is black,  
69 indigenous or a person of color.

70 (c) Any member of the council appointed or designated under  
71 subsection (b) of this section may be a member of the General Assembly.

72 (d) All initial appointments to the council shall be made not later than  
73 sixty days after [the effective date of this section] July 1, 2021, and shall  
74 terminate on June 30, 2026, regardless of when the initial appointment  
75 or designation was made. Any member of the council may serve more

76 than one term.

77 (e) The cochairpersons of the joint standing committee of the General  
78 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education  
79 shall jointly select the chairperson of the council from among the  
80 members of the council. The chairperson of the council shall schedule  
81 the first meeting of the council, which shall be held not later than sixty  
82 days after [the effective date of this section] July 1, 2021.

83 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
84 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher  
85 education shall serve as administrative staff of the council.

86 (g) Members of the council who are appointed or designated shall  
87 serve for four-year terms, which shall commence on the date of  
88 appointment, except as provided in subsection (d) of this section.  
89 Members shall continue to serve until their successors are appointed or  
90 designated.

91 (h) Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing or designating  
92 authority not later than thirty days after the vacancy occurs. Any  
93 vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the  
94 balance of the unexpired term.

95 (i) A majority of the council shall constitute a quorum for the  
96 transaction of any business.

97 (j) The members of the council shall serve without compensation, but  
98 shall, within the limits of available funds, be reimbursed for expenses  
99 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties.

100 (k) The council shall meet as often as deemed necessary by the  
101 chairperson or a majority of the council. Any appointed or designated  
102 member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to  
103 attend fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall  
104 be deemed to have resigned from the council.

105 (l) Not later than January 1, 2022, and every two years thereafter, the

106 council shall submit, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a  
107 of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General  
108 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to higher education  
109 and to each institution of higher education in the state the (1) list of data  
110 points developed by the council, and (2) recommended sexual  
111 misconduct climate assessments and guidelines for the implementation  
112 of such assessments.

113 Sec. 502. Section 9 of substitute senate bill 5 of the current session, as  
114 amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A", is repealed and the  
115 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

116 [Each] From the effective date of this section to June 30, 2024, each  
117 employer shall grant to (1) each employee in the case of a state election,  
118 or (2) each employee who is an elector in the case of any special election  
119 for United States senator, representative in Congress, state senator or  
120 state representative, two hours unpaid time off from such employee's  
121 regularly scheduled work on the day of any such election, for the  
122 purpose of voting at such election during the hours of voting specified  
123 in section 9-174 of the general statutes, if the employee requests such  
124 time off not less than two working days prior to such election.

125 Sec. 503. Section 27 of substitute senate bill 5 of the current session is  
126 repealed and the following is substituted in the lieu thereof (*Effective*  
127 *from passage*):

128 (a) Whenever voter registration information maintained under title 9  
129 of the general statutes by the Secretary of the State or any registrar of  
130 voters is provided pursuant to any provision of the general statutes,  
131 disclosure of a voter's date of birth shall be limited to only the month  
132 and year of birth, unless such voter registration information is requested  
133 and used for a governmental purpose, as determined by the Secretary,  
134 in which case the voter's complete date of birth shall be provided. As  
135 used in this section, a governmental purpose shall include, but not be  
136 limited to, jury administration.

137 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, any motor

138 vehicle operator's license number, identity card number, Social Security  
139 number and any other unique identifier used for the purpose of  
140 generating a voter registration record, or added to such record for  
141 compliance with the requirements of the Help America Vote Act, P.L.  
142 107-252, as amended from time to time, shall be confidential and shall  
143 not be disclosed to any person.

144 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, if a voter  
145 submits to the Secretary of the State a signed statement that  
146 nondisclosure of such voter's name from the official registry list is  
147 necessary for the safety of such voter or the voter's family, the name and  
148 address of such voter on his or her voter registration record shall be  
149 confidential and shall not be disclosed, except that an election, primary  
150 or referendum official may view such information on the official registry  
151 list when such list is used by any such official at a polling place on the  
152 day of an election, primary or referendum. Such signed statement shall  
153 be sworn under penalty of false statement, as provided in section 53a-  
154 157b of the general statutes.

155 Sec. 504. Section 9-417 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

157 [If] (a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, if within  
158 the time specified in section 9-405, no candidacy for nomination by a  
159 political party to a municipal office has been filed by or on behalf of a  
160 person other than a party-endorsed candidate or, in the case of election  
161 as member of the town committee of such party, by persons other than  
162 party-endorsed candidates numbering at least twenty-five per cent of  
163 the number of town committee members to be elected by such party  
164 either in the municipality or in the political subdivision, as the case may  
165 be, in conformity with the provisions of sections 9-405 to 9-412,  
166 inclusive, and 9-414, no primary shall be held by such party for such  
167 office or for town committee members, as the case may be, and the  
168 party-endorsed candidate or candidates for such office shall be deemed  
169 to have been lawfully chosen as the nominee or nominees of such party  
170 to such office, or, as the case may be, and the party-endorsed candidates

171 for election as members of the town committee shall be deemed to have  
 172 been lawfully elected to such positions at the times specified in section  
 173 9-392.

174 (b) In the case of any municipality having a population of one  
 175 hundred thousand or more and in which a party by its rules provides,  
 176 pursuant to subsection (g) of section 9-390, that the town committee  
 177 members of such party be chosen at direct primaries, if, by four o'clock  
 178 p.m. on the forty-ninth day preceding the first Tuesday in March in  
 179 even-numbered years, the number of persons who have requested  
 180 petition forms for candidacies for election as members of such town  
 181 committee and filed a signed statement consenting to be a candidate for  
 182 such position, in accordance with subsection (c) of section 9-409, is equal  
 183 to or less than the number of town committee members to be elected by  
 184 such party, but at least twenty-five per cent of such number, in  
 185 accordance with section 9-411, then (1) the requirements regarding such  
 186 persons' filing of candidacies for election under section 9-405 and signed  
 187 petitions under section 9-406 shall not apply, (2) the requirements  
 188 regarding the registrar's receipt of petition pages and certification of  
 189 signatures on such pages under section 9-412 shall not apply, and (3) no  
 190 primary shall be held by such party for town committee members and  
 191 such persons shall be deemed to have lawfully been elected to such  
 192 positions at the times specified in section 9-392. As used in this  
 193 subsection, "population" means the estimated number of people  
 194 according to the most recent version of the State Register and Manual  
 195 prepared pursuant to section 3-90."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Sec. 501	<i>July 1, 2021</i>	HB 6374 (current session), Sec. 2
Sec. 502	<i>from passage</i>	SB 5 (current session), Sec. 9
Sec. 503	<i>from passage</i>	SB 5 (current session), Sec. 27
Sec. 504	<i>from passage</i>	9-417

