



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 70

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 205

Senate, March 22, 2022

The Committee on Children reported through SEN. ANWAR of the 3rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH DAY IN CONNECTICUT.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the 2022 supplement to
2 the general statutes is amended by adding subdivision (104) as follows
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (NEW) (104) Get Outside and Play for Children's Mental Health Day.
5 The Governor shall proclaim May twenty-sixth of each year to be Get
6 Outside and Play for Children's Mental Health Day to raise awareness
7 about issues relating to children's mental health and the positive effect
8 that being outdoors has on children's mental health and wellness.
9 Suitable exercises shall be held in the State Capitol and in the public
10 schools on the day so designated or, if that day is not a school day, on
11 the school day preceding, or on any such other day as the local or
12 regional board of education prescribes.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the school year commencing

14 July 1, 2022, and each school year thereafter, the Department of
 15 Education shall provide annual notice to local and regional boards of
 16 education about Get Outside and Play for Children's Mental Health
 17 Day, as proclaimed pursuant to subdivision (104) of subsection (a) of
 18 section 10-29a of the general statutes, as amended by this act, and
 19 include with such notice any suggestions or materials for suitable
 20 exercises that may be held in observance of such day.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2022</i>	New section

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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 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various State Agencies	GF - Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact:

Municipalities	Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Various Local and Regional School Districts	Potential Cost	See Below	See Below

Explanation

The bill establishes a Get Outside and Play for Children’s Mental Health Day and requires exercises observing the day as designated by the Governor at both the State Capitol and in local and regional school districts.

Various state agencies and school districts may incur minimal costs for engaging in the exercises designated by the Governor. The level of costs for affected agencies and municipalities will be dependent upon the location, nature, and size of exercises.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

This bill requires the governor to proclaim May twenty-sixth of each year to be Get Outside and Play for Children’s Mental Health Day to raise awareness about children’s mental health and the positive effect that being outdoors has on children’s mental health and wellness. Under the bill, suitable exercises must be held in the State Capitol and in the public schools on that day or, if that day is not a school day, on the previous school day, or on any day the local or regional school board prescribes.

The bill also requires the Department of Education, starting with the 2022-2023 school year, to provide annual notice to local and regional school boards about the designated day, including any suggestions or materials for suitable exercises that may be held to observe it.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the notice requirement is effective July 1, 2022.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/10/2022)