



# Senate

General Assembly

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Senate Bill No. 454

*Senate, April 4, 2022*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. DAUGHERTY ABRAMS of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) For the school year  
2 commencing July 1, 2022, and biennially thereafter, the Department of  
3 Public Health shall administer the Connecticut School Health Survey to  
4 students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, provided the department  
5 receives funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control and  
6 Prevention for such purpose. The survey shall be based on the Youth  
7 Risk Behavior Survey developed by the federal Centers for Disease  
8 Control and Prevention. The department shall provide guidelines to the  
9 local or regional boards of education regarding the administration of the  
10 survey to high schools that are selected at random by the federal Centers  
11 for Disease Control and Prevention to participate in the survey  
12 including, but not limited to, (1) the survey protocol as required by the  
13 federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (2) the manner by  
14 which parents are given the opportunity to exclude their children from

15 the survey, (3) the requirement for the survey to be anonymous and  
16 administered in a manner designed to protect student privacy, (4) the  
17 timeframe for completion of the survey, and (5) the process by which  
18 the results of such survey are to be submitted to the department. The  
19 local or regional boards of education of such randomly selected high  
20 schools shall administer the survey to each randomly selected high  
21 school in accordance with the guidelines provided by the department.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	New section

**PH**      *Joint Favorable*

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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill makes procedural changes to the administration of the Connecticut School Health Survey and is not anticipated to result in a cost to the Department of Public Health (DPH) or local and regional school districts, as costs related to the survey as funded by DPH through a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

**The Out Years****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 454*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), starting with the 2022-23 school year, to biennially administer the Connecticut School Health Survey to students in grades nine through 12 if the department receives funding from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for that purpose.

Under the bill, the survey must be based on the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey (see BACKGROUND) and administered in the high schools the CDC randomly selects. The bill requires DPH to provide local and regional boards of education with guidelines on the survey's administration and requires the boards to administer the survey according to these guidelines.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2022

**DPH GUIDELINES**

Under the bill, the DPH guidelines must include the following:

1. CDC survey protocol,
2. the manner by which parents are given the opportunity to exclude their children from the survey,
3. a requirement that the survey be anonymous and administered in a way that protects student privacy,
4. the timeframe for completing the survey, and

5. the process for submitting survey results to the department.

## **BACKGROUND**

### ***CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey***

Under existing agency practice, DPH biennially conducts the CDC's Youth Risk Behavior Survey, administered in Connecticut as the Connecticut School Health Survey, with funding provided through a cooperative agreement with the CDC. The survey is sponsored and designed by the CDC. The CDC randomly selects approximately 50 high schools that are a representative sample of public high school students. DPH staff obtain permission from the CDC-selected schools to conduct the survey.

### ***Related Bill***

sHB 5243, §§ 1-4, voted favorably by the Children Committee, contains similar provisions.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30    Nay 1    (03/23/2022)