



General Assembly

**Amendment**

**February Session, 2022**

LCO No. **5779**



Offered by:  
SEN. WITKOS, 8<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 1

File No. 641

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(As Amended)

**"AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDHOOD MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES IN SCHOOLS."**

1 Strike section 15 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2022*) (a) There is established a  
3 minority teacher candidate scholarship program administered by the  
4 Department of Education. The program shall provide an annual  
5 scholarship to minority students who (1) graduated from a public high  
6 school in a priority school district, as described in section 10-266p of the  
7 general statutes, and (2) are enrolled in a teacher preparation program  
8 at any four-year institution of higher education located in Connecticut.  
9 Maximum grants shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars per year. As  
10 used in this section, "minority" has the same meaning as provided in  
11 section 10-156bb of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

12 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the department shall, in  
13 consultation with the chairpersons of the joint standing committee of the

14 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education,  
 15 develop a policy concerning the administration of the scholarship. Such  
 16 policy shall include, but need not be limited to, provisions regarding (1)  
 17 any additional eligibility criteria, (2) payment and distribution of the  
 18 scholarships, and (3) the notification of students in high school in  
 19 priority school districts of the scholarship program.

20 (c) For the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, and each fiscal year  
 21 thereafter, the department shall award scholarships in accordance with  
 22 the provisions of this section and the guidelines developed pursuant to  
 23 subsection (b) of this section.

24 (d) The department may accept gifts, grants and donations, from any  
 25 source, public or private, for the minority teacher candidate scholarship  
 26 program."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 15	July 1, 2022	New section