



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1054

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The Committee on Children reported through SEN. MAHER, C. of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SUMMER CAMPS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2023*) (a) There is established a
2 Youth Advisory Council on Summer Camps within the Office of Early
3 Childhood. The council shall provide advice to the Commissioner of
4 Early Childhood on matters relating to summer camps.

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

6 (1) A representative of the Connecticut Camping Association
7 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

8 (2) A representative of the Connecticut Recreation and Parks
9 Association appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

10 (3) A representative of a nonprofit youth service organization in the
11 state appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives;

12 (4) A representative of a nonprofit youth service organization in the
13 state appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

14 (5) A representative of a nonprofit day camp appointed by the
15 minority leader of the House of Representatives;

16 (6) A representative of a nonprofit resident camp appointed by the
17 minority leader of the Senate;

18 (7) A representative of a for-profit day camp appointed by the House
19 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
20 having cognizance of matters relating to children;

21 (8) A representative of a for-profit resident camp appointed by the
22 Senate chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children;

24 (9) A representative of a sports camp appointed by the Governor;

25 (10) A representative of an independent school camp appointed by
26 the Governor;

27 (11) A representative of a university that hosts or conducts a summer
28 camp appointed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood; and

29 (12) Any additional member appointed by the commissioner to fill
30 the needs of the council based on expertise in the field.

31 (c) All appointments to the council, pursuant to subsection (b) of this
32 section, shall be made not later than September 1, 2023. Any vacancy
33 shall be filled by the appointing authority.

34 (d) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall schedule the first
35 meeting of the advisory council, which shall be held not later than
36 September 15, 2023. The members of the council shall elect the
37 chairpersons of the council from among the members of the council at
38 the first meeting of the council.

39 (e) The council shall elect, annually, its own chairperson and other

40 officers as deemed necessary. The council shall meet at least once during
 41 each calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems
 42 necessary or upon the request of a majority of members. The
 43 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall meet at least annually with the
 44 council. A majority of the members, but not less than ten, shall constitute
 45 a quorum. Any member who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings
 46 held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from
 47 the council. Members of the council shall serve without compensation.
 48 The Office of Early Childhood shall provide administrative assistance to
 49 facilitate the activity of the council.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2023	New section

KID *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, which establishes a Youth Advisory Council on summer camps within the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), is not expected to result in a fiscal impact because the agency already has the resources and expertise to do so.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 1054*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SUMMER CAMPS WITHIN THE OFFICE OF EARLY CHILDHOOD.*****SUMMARY**

This bill establishes an 11-member Youth Advisory Council on Summer Camps, within the Office of Early Childhood (OEC), to advise the commissioner on summer camps-related matters.

The commissioner must (1) schedule the council's first meeting, which must be held by September 15, 2023; (2) meet with the council at least annually; and (3) provide staff to serve as the council's administrative staff.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SUMMER CAMPS***Membership and Appointments***

Under the bill, the council's 11 members must serve without compensation and are appointed as follows:

1. one representative of the Connecticut Camping Association, appointed by the House speaker;
2. one representative of the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, appointed by the Senate president;
3. two representatives from nonprofit youth service organizations in the state, one each appointed by the House and Senate majority leaders;
4. one nonprofit day camp representative, appointed by the House minority leader;

5. one nonprofit resident camp representative, appointed by the Senate minority leader;
6. two representatives from for-profit day camps, one each appointed by the Children’s Committee House and Senate chairpersons;
7. one representative each from a sports camp and an independent school camp, both appointed by the governor; and
8. a representative of a university that hosts or conducts a summer camp, appointed by the OEC commissioner.

The commissioner may also appoint more members, based on their expertise in the field, to fill the council’s needs.

Appointing authorities must make their appointments by September 1, 2023, and fill any vacancies.

Any member who misses 50% of all meetings held during any calendar year is deemed to have resigned from the council.

Meetings

The advisory council’s members must elect its chairpersons from among the members at the first meeting. Each year after, the council must elect its own chairperson and other necessary officers.

The council must meet at least once each calendar quarter and any other time the chairperson considers necessary or at the request of a majority of members.

A majority of the members, but not less than 10, is a quorum.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19 Nay 0 (03/03/2023)