



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6574**

LCO No. 3279



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL YOUTH CAMPS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-420 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Youth camp" means any regularly scheduled program or  
5 organized group activity advertised as a camp or operated only during  
6 school vacations or on weekends by a person, partnership, corporation,  
7 association, the state or a municipal agency or department for  
8 recreational or educational purposes and accommodating for profit or  
9 under philanthropic or charitable auspices five or more children, who  
10 are at least three years of age and under sixteen years of age, who are  
11 (A) not bona fide personal guests in the private home of an individual,  
12 and (B) living apart from their relatives, parents or legal guardian, for a  
13 period of three days or more per week or portions of three or more days  
14 per week, provided any such relative, parent or guardian who is an  
15 employee of such camp shall not be considered to be in the position of

16 loco parentis to such employee's child for the purposes of this chapter,  
17 but does not include (i) classroom-based summer instructional  
18 programs operated by any person, provided no activities that may pose  
19 a health risk or hazard to participating children are conducted at such  
20 programs, (ii) public schools, or private schools in compliance with  
21 section 10-188 and approved by the State Board of Education or  
22 accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of  
23 Education, which operate a summer educational program, (iii) licensed  
24 child care centers, or (iv) drop-in programs for children who are at least  
25 six years of age administered by a nationally chartered boys' and girls'  
26 club;

27 (2) "Resident camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
28 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which there  
29 are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate five  
30 or more children who are at least three years of age and under sixteen  
31 years of age for at least seventy-two consecutive hours and in which the  
32 campers attending such camps eat and sleep;

33 (3) "Day camp" means any youth camp which is established,  
34 conducted or maintained on any parcel or parcels of land on which there  
35 are located dwelling units or buildings intended to accommodate five  
36 or more children who are at least three years of age and under sixteen  
37 years of age during daylight hours for at least three days a week with  
38 the campers eating and sleeping at home, except for one meal per day,  
39 but does not include programs operated by a municipal agency or  
40 department;

41 (4) "Person" means the state or any municipal agency or department,  
42 individual, partnership, association, organization, limited liability  
43 company or corporation;

44 (5) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Early Childhood;  
45 and

46 (6) "Office" means the Office of Early Childhood.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	19a-420

**Statement of Purpose:**

To specify that certain programs and activities advertised or operated by municipal departments shall be licensed as youth camps by the Office of Early Childhood.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*