



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1054

January Session, 2023



**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.

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

KID *Joint Favorable Subst.*