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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH CAMPS."**

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2024*) (a) There is established a Youth  
3 Camp Safety Advisory Council within the Office of Early Childhood.  
4 The council shall provide advice to the Commissioner of Early  
5 Childhood on matters relating to safety issues at youth camps.

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

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

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

11 (3) A representative of a nonprofit youth service organization with a

12 camping program in the state appointed by the majority leader of the  
13 House of Representatives;

14 (4) A representative of a nonprofit youth service organization with a  
15 camping program in the state appointed by the majority leader of the  
16 Senate;

17 (5) A representative of a day camp appointed by the minority leader  
18 of the House of Representatives;

19 (6) A representative of a resident camp appointed by the minority  
20 leader of the Senate;

21 (7) A representative of a day camp appointed by the House  
22 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
23 having cognizance of matters relating to children;

24 (8) A representative of a resident camp appointed by the Senate  
25 chairperson of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
26 having cognizance of matters relating to children;

27 (9) A representative of a municipality that operates or conducts a  
28 summer youth camp appointed by the House ranking member of the  
29 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
30 matters relating to children;

31 (10) A representative of a municipality that operates or conducts a  
32 summer youth camp appointed by the Senate ranking member of the  
33 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
34 matters relating to children;

35 (11) A representative of a sports camp appointed by the Governor;

36 (12) A representative of an independent school camp appointed by  
37 the Governor;

38 (13) A representative of a university that hosts or conducts a summer  
39 camp appointed by the Commissioner of Early Childhood; and

40 (14) Any additional member appointed by the commissioner to fill  
41 the needs of the council based on expertise in the field.

42 (c) All appointments to the council, pursuant to subsection (b) of this  
43 section, shall be made not later than September 1, 2024. Any vacancy  
44 shall be filled by the appointing authority. Members shall serve three-  
45 year terms.

46 (d) The Commissioner of Early Childhood shall schedule the first  
47 meeting of the council, which shall be held not later than September 15,  
48 2024. The members of the council shall elect the chairpersons of the  
49 council from among the members of the council at the first meeting of  
50 the council.

51 (e) The council shall elect, annually, its own chairperson and other  
52 officers as deemed necessary. The council shall meet at least once during  
53 each calendar quarter and at such other times as the chairperson deems  
54 necessary or upon the request of a majority of members. The  
55 Commissioner of Early Childhood shall meet at least annually with the  
56 council. Any member who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings  
57 held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from  
58 the council. Members of the council shall serve without compensation.  
59 The Office of Early Childhood shall provide administrative assistance to  
60 facilitate the activity of the council."