



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5287**

February Session, 2022



**AN ACT CONCERNING REMOTE LEARNING IN CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-4w of the 2022 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective July 1, 2022*):

4 (a) As used in this section, "remote learning" means instruction by  
5 means of one or more Internet-based software platforms as part of a  
6 remote learning model.

7 (b) Not later than January 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Education  
8 shall develop, and update as necessary, standards for remote learning.  
9 [The standards shall not be deemed to be regulations, as defined in  
10 section 4-166.]

11 (c) For the school year commencing July 1, 2022, [and each school year  
12 thereafter,] a local or regional board of education may authorize remote  
13 learning to students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, provided such  
14 board (1) provides such instruction in compliance with the standards  
15 developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and (2) adopts a  
16 policy regarding the requirements for student attendance during remote  
17 learning, which shall (A) be in compliance with the Department of  
18 Education's guidance on student attendance during remote learning,

19 and (B) count the attendance of any student who spends not less than  
20 one-half of the school day during such instruction engaged in (i) virtual  
21 classes, (ii) virtual meetings, (iii) activities on time-logged electronic  
22 systems, and (iv) the completion and submission of assignments.

23 (d) For the school year commencing July 1, 2023, and each school year  
24 thereafter, a local or regional board of education may authorize remote  
25 learning to students in grades kindergarten to twelve, inclusive,  
26 provided such board (1) provides such instruction in compliance with  
27 the standards developed pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, and  
28 (2) adopts a policy regarding the requirements for student attendance  
29 during remote learning, which shall (A) be in compliance with the  
30 Department of Education's guidance on student attendance during  
31 remote learning, and (B) count the attendance of any student who  
32 spends not less than one-half of the school day during such instruction  
33 engaged in (i) virtual classes, (ii) virtual meetings, (iii) activities on time-  
34 logged electronic systems, and (iv) the completion and submission of  
35 assignments.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2022	10-4w

**ED** Joint Favorable Subst.