



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6125**

LCO No. 1717



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:

REP. LEEPER, 132nd Dist.

REP. PARKER, 101st Dist.

REP. WELANDER, 114th Dist.

**AN ACT INCREASING AWARENESS OF AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

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

- 1 That chapter 170 of the general statutes be amended to require local
- 2 and regional boards of education to (1) annually provide information to
- 3 students in grades six to twelve, inclusive, and the parents and
- 4 guardians of such students, of the availability of mental health
- 5 resources, services and crisis counseling, such as the United Way of
- 6 Connecticut 2-1-1 Infoline program, and (2) print information regarding
- 7 the suicide prevention hotline on student identification cards.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To assist students and their families in addressing issues concerning mental health and anxiety that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic by requiring boards of education to provide information relating to mental health services and resources.