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Committee Bill No. 6997

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Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES AND RESOURCES
TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) Not later than January 1,
2 2020, the Department of Education, in consultation with the Office of
3 Victim Services within the Judicial Department and the Connecticut
4 Coalition Against Domestic Violence, shall publish information
5 concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic
6 violence on the Internet web site of the Department of Education. Such
7 information shall include, but need not be limited to, (1) referrals
8 available to counseling and supportive services, including, but not
9 limited to, the Safe at Home program administered by the Office of the
10 Secretary of the State, shelter services, medical services, domestic
11 abuse hotlines, legal counseling and advocacy, mental health care and
12 financial assistance, and (2) procedures to voluntarily and
13 confidentially identify eligibility for referrals to such counseling and
14 supportive services. The department shall annually review such
15 information and revise it as necessary.

16 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2020, and each school
17 year thereafter, the Department of Education shall disseminate the
18 information published pursuant to subsection (a) of this section to each
19 local and regional board of education. Each local and regional board of
20 education shall require the provision of such information to any (1)
21 student or parent or guardian of a student who expresses to a school
22 employee, as defined in section 10-222d of the general statutes, that
23 such student or parent or guardian or a person residing with such
24 student or parent or guardian does not feel safe at home due to
25 domestic violence, and (2) parent or guardian of a student who
26 authorizes the transfer of such student's education records to another
27 school.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Education to (1) publish information concerning services and resources available to victims of domestic violence on the Internet web site of the Department of Education; and (2) require the provision of such information to students, parents and guardians who express safety concerns due to domestic violence and parents and guardians who authorize the transfer of education records to another school.

[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.]

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