



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 7250

January Session, 2019



AN ACT CONCERNING THE IMPROVEMENT OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PLAY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-221o of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2019*):

3 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall require each
4 school under its jurisdiction to (1) offer all full day students a daily
5 lunch period of not less than twenty minutes, and (2) include in the
6 regular school day for each student enrolled in elementary school time
7 devoted to physical exercise or undirected play of not less than twenty
8 minutes in total, except that a planning and placement team may
9 develop a different schedule for a child requiring special education
10 and related services in accordance with chapter 164 and the
11 Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 USC 1400 et seq., as
12 amended from time to time. In the event of a conflict with this section
13 and any provision of chapter 164, such other provision of chapter 164
14 shall be deemed controlling. Nothing in this subsection shall prohibit a
15 local or regional board of education from including more than twenty
16 minutes of time devoted to physical exercise or undirected play in the
17 regular school day for each student enrolled in elementary school.

18 (b) Not later than October 1, [2013] 2019, each local and regional

19 board of education shall adopt a policy, as the board deems
20 appropriate, concerning the issue regarding any school employee
21 being involved in preventing a student from participating in the entire
22 time devoted to physical exercise or undirected play in the regular
23 school day, pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, as a form of
24 discipline. For purposes of this section, "school employee" means (1) a
25 teacher, substitute teacher, school administrator, school
26 superintendent, guidance counselor, school counselor, psychologist,
27 social worker, nurse, physician, school paraprofessional or coach
28 employed by a local or regional board of education or working in a
29 public elementary, middle or high school; or (2) any other individual
30 who, in the performance of his or her duties, has regular contact with
31 students and who provides services to or on behalf of students
32 enrolled in a public elementary, middle or high school, pursuant to a
33 contract with the local or regional board of education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	10-221o

ED *Joint Favorable Subst.*