



Oppose HB 6952 - LCO 5946 - AN ACT CONCERNING CERTAIN RECREATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

1. The new language is still **specific to ONLY and ALL municipal PROGRAMS, not just camps**. It covers **park and recreation departments** but also **ALL library programs** run on school vacations as well.
 - For example, a rec swim team, swim lessons, tennis lessons, a cooking class, STEM classes offered by a park and recreation department or library over the summer, all fall under this definition.
2. A nonprofit organization, such as a YMCA, or business that operates a swim team, swim lesson, tennis lesson, cooking class does not have to comply with the following at these programs:
NOTE: the programs that they operate don't fall under the licensing regulations and statutes so they would STILL have no oversight if this were to pass.
 - no ratios (they can have 20 kids to 1 staff person for example),
 - do not have to perform background checks for staff running these programs
 - does not have to have a CPR & First Aid trained staff member onsite
 - does not have to mandated reporter train their staff running these programs
3. Requires municipalities to report and certify that all staff is DCF mandated reporter trained which **licensed camps/child care centers don't even have to certify this to DCF**. Nor do the YMCA staff that runs any programs have to do this.

HOW IS THIS FAIR?

WHY ARE MUNICIPALITIES BEING SINGLED OUT?

WHY DO the 15 EXEMPT PROGRAMS & ORGANIZATIONS outlined in 19a-77 NOT HAVE TO COMPLY?

Most notably:

CGS 19a-77 (b)(3) Classes in music, dance, drama and art that are no longer than two hours in length; classes that teach a single skill that are no longer than two hours in length; library programs that are no longer than two hours in length; scouting; programs that offer exclusively sports activities; rehearsals; academic tutoring programs; or programs exclusively for children thirteen years of age or older;

OPPOSE HB 6952 LCO 5946 as it unfairly singles out municipalities and separately defines us in statute.

If the intent is to create a safe environment for all children at all PROGRAMS, both publicly & privately run, then it must be written into **CGS 19a-77 & 19a-420** that all licensed exempt programs and camps should comply with:

1. Background checking 18-year-old and older prospective employees, using a 3rd party provider

Please Oppose the JFS language for HB 6952 - LCO 5946