



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 6180**

LCO No. 3902



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE OF FIREARMS BY OPERATORS OF FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) For the purposes of this  
2 section, "firearm" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3 of  
3 the general statutes.

4 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, each  
5 operator of a family child care home licensed pursuant to section 19a-  
6 97b of the general statutes, in which one or more firearms is stored, shall  
7 provide written notification of the presence of each such firearm to the  
8 parent or guardian of each child enrolled in such home. Such  
9 notification shall (1) include a list of the number and type of each firearm  
10 stored in such home, and (2) require such parent or guardian to  
11 acknowledge receipt of such notification by providing such parent or  
12 guardian's signature. On and after January 1, 2027, such written  
13 notification shall be provided to the parent or guardian of each child  
14 enrolling in any such home for the first time. Such operator shall  
15 maintain each signed acknowledgment of receipt for not less than three  
16 years, and make such signed acknowledgments available to the Office

17 of Early Childhood for inspection upon request.

18 (c) Not later than February 1, 2027, and annually thereafter, each  
19 operator of a family child care home in which one or more firearms is  
20 stored shall, in a form and manner prescribed by the Commissioner of  
21 Early Childhood, confirm compliance with the provisions of subsection  
22 (b) of this section during the preceding calendar year.

23 Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 19a-87e of the general statutes is  
24 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*  
25 *2025*):

26 (a) The Commissioner of Early Childhood may (1) refuse to license  
27 under section 19a-87b, a person to own, conduct, operate or maintain a  
28 family child care home, as defined in section 19a-77, (2) refuse to  
29 approve under section 19a-87b, a person to act as an assistant or  
30 substitute staff member in a family child care home, as defined in section  
31 19a-77, or (3) suspend or revoke the license or approval or take any other  
32 action that may be set forth in regulation that may be adopted pursuant  
33 to section 19a-79 if the person who owns, conducts, maintains or  
34 operates the family child care home, the person who acts as an assistant  
35 or substitute staff member in a family child care home, a person  
36 employed in such family child care home in a position connected with  
37 the provision of care to a child receiving child care services or a  
38 household member, as defined in subsection (c) of section 19a-87b, who  
39 is sixteen years of age or older and resides therein, has been convicted,  
40 in this state or any other state of a felony, as defined in section 53a-25,  
41 involving the use, attempted use or threatened use of physical force  
42 against another person, or has a criminal record in this state or any other  
43 state that the commissioner reasonably believes renders the person  
44 unsuitable to own, conduct, operate or maintain or be employed by a  
45 family child care home, or act as an assistant or substitute staff member  
46 in a family child care home, or if such persons or a household member  
47 has been convicted in this state or any other state of cruelty to persons  
48 under section 53-20, injury or risk of injury to or impairing morals of

49 children under section 53-21, abandonment of children under the age of  
50 six years under section 53-23, or any felony where the victim of the  
51 felony is a child under eighteen years of age, a violation of section 53a-  
52 70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to January 1, 2019,  
53 or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or 53a-73a, illegal  
54 manufacture, distribution, sale, prescription, dispensing or  
55 administration under section 21a-277 or 21a-278, or illegal possession  
56 under section 21a-279, or if such person, a person who acts as assistant  
57 or substitute staff member in a family child care home or a person  
58 employed in such family child care home in a position connected with  
59 the provision of care to a child receiving child care services, either fails  
60 to substantially comply with the regulations adopted pursuant to  
61 section 19a-87b, or conducts, operates or maintains the home in a  
62 manner which endangers the health, safety and welfare of the children  
63 receiving child care services, including, but not limited to, failure to  
64 comply with the provisions of section 1 of this act. Any refusal of a  
65 license or approval pursuant to this section shall be rendered in  
66 accordance with the provisions of sections 46a-79 to 46a-81, inclusive.  
67 Any person whose license or approval has been revoked pursuant to  
68 this section shall be ineligible to apply for a license or approval for a  
69 period of one year from the effective date of revocation.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |              |             |
| Section 1   | July 1, 2025 | New section |
| Sec. 2  | July 1, 2025 | 19a-87e(a)  |

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require (1) family child care home operators to notify parents and guardians of the presence of firearms, and (2) the Office of Early Childhood to take adverse licensing action against operators for violation of said requirement.

*[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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