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AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY AND COVID-19 RELIEF DAYS.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any provision
2 of the general statutes, the provisions of Executive Order Number 14F
3 issued by Governor Ned Lamont shall remain in effect through March
4 15, 2022.

5 (b) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
6 following provisions of executive orders issued by Governor Ned
7 Lamont shall remain in effect through April 15, 2022: (A) Section 1 of
8 Executive Order Number 7P; (B) Section 3 of Executive Order Number
9 9Q; (C) Sections 2 and 4 of Executive Order Number 12D; (D) except as
10 provided in subsection (c) of this section, Executive Order Number 13A;
11 (E) Executive Order Number 13C; (F) Executive Order Number 13E; (G)

12 the provisions of Executive Order Number 13G, as amended by
13 Executive Order Number 14C, concerning state hospital employees and
14 excluding provisions concerning state employees and covered workers;
15 (H) Section 4 of Executive Order Number 14A; (I) Executive Order
16 Number 14B; and (J) Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, of Executive Order
17 Number 14D.

18 (2) For purposes of the executive orders listed in subdivision (1) of
19 this subsection, "through April 15, 2022" shall be substituted for any
20 references to "for the duration of the public health and civil
21 preparedness emergency". For purposes of Section 4 of Executive Order
22 Number 12D, "fifteen days" shall be substituted for the reference to
23 "thirty days".

24 (3) For purposes of the provisions of (A) Executive Order Number
25 13G, as amended by Executive Order Number 14C, concerning state
26 hospital employees and excluding provisions concerning state
27 employees and covered workers, and (B) subsection b. of Section 3 of
28 Executive Order Number 14B, "March 7, 2022" shall be substituted for
29 references to "February 11, 2022". No civil penalty or other penalty
30 authorized under said executive orders shall be imposed against any
31 long-term care facility for a violation of subsection b. of Section 3 of
32 Executive Order Number 14B or against any state hospital for a violation
33 of Section 1 of Executive Order Number 14C for any such violation
34 occurring on and after February 11, 2022, and prior to March 7, 2022.

35 (c) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
36 provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order Number 9 and the provisions
37 of Section 1 of Executive Order Number 13A authorizing masks or cloth
38 face coverings to be required in schools, issued by Governor Ned
39 Lamont, shall remain in effect through June 30, 2022.

40 (2) Any rule, order, directive or other guidance issued by the
41 Commissioners of Education, Early Childhood or Public Health
42 pursuant to the executive orders listed in this subsection rescinding such
43 requirement for mask or cloth face coverings in schools shall not take

44 effect any earlier than February 28, 2022.

45 (d) Any department head, state agency, municipality or other
46 governmental entity that relied on the provisions of the executive orders
47 listed in subsection (a), (b) or (c) of this section to exercise authority may
48 continue to rely on said provisions to exercise authority through (1)
49 March 15, 2022, in the case of the executive order listed in subsection (a)
50 of this section, (2) April 15, 2022, in the case of the executive orders listed
51 in subsection (b) of this section, or (3) June 30, 2022, in the case of the
52 executive orders listed in subsection (c) of this section.

53 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Notwithstanding any provision of the
54 general statutes, the Commissioner of Public Health may exercise the
55 commissioner's authority under section 19a-131f and subsection (a) of
56 section 19a-131j of the general statutes through April 15, 2022, without
57 a public health emergency being declared by the Governor pursuant to
58 section 19a-131a of the general statutes.

59 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

60 (1) "COVID-19" means the respiratory disease designated by the
61 World Health Organization on February 11, 2020, as coronavirus 2019,
62 and any related mutation thereof recognized by the World Health
63 Organization as a communicable respiratory disease.

64 (2) "School day" means an actual school session that is part of the
65 official school calendar originally adopted by the local or regional board
66 of education.

67 (3) "COVID-19 relief day" means a school day in which the schools
68 under the jurisdiction of the local or regional board of education are
69 closed due to COVID-19 or in which additional in-service training is
70 provided in accordance with the provisions of section 10-220a of the
71 general statutes.

72 (4) "School year" means the school year commencing July 1, 2021.

73 (b) For the school year commencing July 1, 2021, a local or regional

74 board of education may designate up to five school days as COVID-19
75 relief days for the school year. A school day may be designated as a
76 COVID-19 relief day if it was necessary to cancel such school day
77 because (1) of high infection rates or staff shortages due to COVID-19,
78 or (2) the board of education believes such designation is necessary to
79 ease the burden of COVID-19 on the school district and will improve the
80 health, safety and welfare of students and staff. A COVID-19 relief day
81 may be designated for any school day of the school year that (A) was
82 cancelled on or before the effective date of this section due to high
83 infection rates or staff shortages due to COVID-19, or (B) is scheduled
84 on or after the effective date of this section due to COVID-19, provided
85 such designation is in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d)
86 of this section. A school day that has been designated as a COVID-19
87 relief day under this section need not be rescheduled during the school
88 year.

89 (c) A COVID-19 relief day designated under this section shall be
90 considered an actual school session for purposes of sections 10-15 and
91 10-16 of the general statutes.

92 (d) (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this
93 subsection, on and after the effective date of this section, a local or
94 regional board of education may amend its official school calendar for
95 the school year to replace existing school days with not more than three
96 prospective COVID-19 relief days in accordance with the provisions of
97 this section, provided (A) such board may not schedule any such
98 prospective COVID-19 relief days on consecutive existing school days
99 during the school year, except such board may schedule consecutive
100 prospective COVID-19 relief days for the final three school days of the
101 school year, (B) any such prospective COVID-19 relief day is scheduled
102 for not earlier than thirty calendar days from the date of such
103 designation, and (C) notice of any such prospective COVID-19 relief day
104 is provided to the staff of each school under the jurisdiction of such
105 board and the parents and guardians of each student enrolled in such
106 schools at least thirty calendar days in advance of such prospective
107 COVID-19 relief day. A board may use any such prospective COVID-19

108 relief day to provide additional in-service training for its teachers,
109 administrators, pupil personnel, paraprofessionals or noncertified
110 employees in accordance with the provisions of section 10-220a of the
111 general statutes.

112 (2) On and after the effective date of this section, in the event that high
113 infection rates or staff shortages due to COVID-19 result in the closure
114 of schools in the school district for a school day, a local or regional board
115 of education may designate an emergency COVID-19 relief day for such
116 school day in accordance with the provisions of this section, except the
117 notice provisions of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply to
118 such designation. Any such emergency COVID-19 relief day shall
119 replace a prospective COVID-19 relief day that may have previously
120 been designated pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection if the
121 board has already designated five COVID-19 relief days. A local or
122 regional board of education may not designate an emergency COVID-
123 19 relief day if such emergency COVID-19 relief day occurs after five
124 previously designated or scheduled COVID-19 relief days.

125 (e) Any local or regional board of education that designates a school
126 day in the school year as a COVID-19 relief day shall notify the
127 Commissioner of Education of such designation and submit an updated
128 copy of the amended official school calendar for the school district to
129 the commissioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section