

## Legislative Initiatives Related to Special Education

*SB 850, An Act Concerning (AAC) Public Schools.*

*Reported by Education Committee March 25.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/s/pdf/2019SB-00850-R00-SB.PDF>

**This was the placeholder bill, seeking a study relating to public schools. There is no content.**

*SB 1067, AA Establishing A Task Force To Analyze The Implementation Of Laws Governing Dyslexia Instruction And Training,*

*Reported by Education Committee with substitute language March 25.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/eddata/sl/2019SB-01067-R00LCO06490-0325ED-SL.PDF>

**This bill creates a task force to study dyslexia education.**

*HB 7110, AAC Enhanced Classroom Safety and School Climate*

*Reported by Education Committee with substitute language March 25.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/eddata/sl/2019HB-07110-R00LCO06578-0325ED-SL.PDF>

**This is the Connecticut Education Association's top priority. The bill ensures that when teachers kick a kid out of class for being disruptive, the teacher is part of the process of determining next steps for the student. The bill addresses teachers feeling powerless to deal with disruptive students. The substitute eliminates the monthly reporting to the local Board of Education, which was a major concern for CAFE. It requires referral to a PPT for a student kicked out of class twice for purposes of referral.**

*HB 7113, AAC Education Issues*

*Reported by Education Committee March 25.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/h/pdf/2019HB-07113-R00-HB.PDF>

**This is another placeholder bill, seeking a study relating to public schools. There is no content.**

*HB 7215, AAC Safe School Climate Policies,*

*Reported by the Children's Committee on March 7 with substitute language.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/fc/pdf/2019HB-07215-R000126-FC.PDF>

**The bill substantially reforms the bullying laws.**

*HB. 7312, AA Establishing A Task Force To Study Issues Relating to Parental Involvement With Students.*

*Reported by the Education Committee on March 15.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/h/pdf/2019HB-07312-R00-HB.PDF>

**Remarkably, the task force contains no parents. The Education Committee chairs have promised to rectify this..**

*HB 7352, AAC Minor Revisions and Additions to the Education Statutes.*

*Reported by the Education Committee on March 25 with a substitute:*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/eddata/sl/2019HB-07352-R00LCO06574-0325ED-SL.PDF>

**This is a miscellany of minor provisions, including early climate change instruction to start in middle school, social-emotional learning, transferability of teacher tenure, edTPA, and a principal induction pilot program.**

*HB 7353, AAC Various Issues Relating to Special Education*

*Reported by the Education Committee on March 25 with a substitute:*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/eddata/sl/2019HB-07353-R00LCO06576-0325ED-SL.PDF>

**The bill includes opening up the Connecticut Technical High School System to special education students, teacher free speech at PPT meetings, and emergency plans for hearing impaired students.**

*SB 1019, An Act Concerning School Literacy.*

*Reported by the Education Committee on March 25 with a substitute:*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/eddata/sl/2019SB-01019-R00LCO06579-0325ED-SL.PDF>

**The earlier version expanded an existing literacy program to cover the entire state; in the substitute it only applies to Alliance Districts. The earlier version called for the retention in 3rd grade of students who could not read. The substitute eliminates that provision.**

*SB 1023, An Act Concerning the Provision of Alternative Educational Opportunities for Expelled Students.*

*Considered but not reported by the Education Committee on March 25.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/s/pdf/2019SB-01023-R00-SB.PDF>

**The bill extends the requirement to provide services to 18 year olds who are expelled. Nevertheless, the bill has serious drafting issues.**

*SB 874, An Act concerning Education Initiatives and Services in Connecticut.*

*Hearings held in Committee on Planning and Development on March 1. Referred to Education.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/TOB/s/pdf/2019SB-00874-R00-SB.PDF>

**This is the Governor's bill to promote shared services and regionalization.**

*HB 7355, An Act Concerning a Study of the Education Cost Sharing Formula.*

*Reported by the Education Committee on March 25 with a substitute.*

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2019/eddata/sl/2019HB-07355-R00LCO06489-0325ED-SL.PDF>

**The Committee does not want to play with the latest formula at this point. Instead the Committee wants to see how the formula works.**

*Excess Cost - Numerous bills to eliminate the cap or to reduce the threshold were introduced. None are being considered.*

*Insurance Coop - The Task Force created by the Legislature in 2018 has yet to report. Still, it is possible that some form of this proposal gets moved in this session.*