

PROTECTING CHILDREN & REDUCING GUN VIOLENCE

AN ACT CONCERNING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND CHILDREN'S SAFETY

My full support and yes vote was an opportunity to stand with the families of the innocent victims of the Sandy Hook massacre. It was a vote for common-sense gun responsibility laws. It included mental health and school security initiatives.

It was the time to take a stand against gun violence. And I did.

It is now the law of Connecticut. This special newsletter outlines the basic provisions of this important new law.

It is only the beginning of a long conversation and I'm looking forward to participating in the effort. Some provisions I advocated for did not pass, such as an outright ban on large capacity magazines or liability insurance for owners of large numbers of weapons. But this new law will go a long way to make you, our neighbors, and our children safer.

Best Wishes,



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SCHOOL SAFETY

A new School Safety Infrastructure Council will set up guidelines for schools as they upgrade their building security, and will also help develop safety standards for school building projects. Every school must develop a school security and safety plan for the future.

GUN SAFETY

The bill expands Connecticut's Assault Weapons Ban, and bans the sale of magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. Legally purchased guns and ammunition will not be taken away. This bill also mandates universal background checks for all gun purchases, including private sales, and ammunition purchases. And those who want to purchase a long gun or ammunition will need a pistol permit, an eligibility certificate, or a long gun eligibility certificate. The bill also significantly expands a gun owner's responsibility to safely store firearms and protect children in their homes.

Mental Health

Pediatricians will be able to consult with mental health professionals to help pinpoint children who need mental health services at an early age. Schools will be able to offer training to teachers during in-service days to help them identify students who may be struggling with mental health issues and get the help they need.



More information is available online at:
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