



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

PROPOSED CHANGE OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE
BUILDING CODE AND FIRE SAFETY CODE

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CODE INFORMATION

Proposed change to: ☒ Building Code ☐ Fire Safety Code

Code section(s): 305.1 general

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PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Description of change and reason for change (attach additional information as needed):

Minimize residential Drawings

Proposed text change, addition or deletion (attach additional information as needed): 305.1 General
strike/delete "... equipped with powered safety cover..."

Supporting data and documents (attach additional information as needed)

Attached

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CT Childrens Hospital Injury Prevention Center

☐ I would like to make an in-person presentation of my proposal.

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Kevin Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA
Executive Director of the Injury Prevention Center at Connecticut Children's
to the Planning and Development Committee regarding
HB 5169- *An Act Concerning the Requirement to Install Swimming Pool Barriers*

February 20, 2024

Senator Rahman, Representative Kavros DeGraw, and other esteemed members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding House Bill 5169- *An Act Concerning the Requirement to Install Swimming Pool Barriers*.

My name is Kevin Borrup, DrPH, JD, MPA, and I am the Executive Director of Connecticut Children's Injury Prevention Center (IPC). Connecticut Children's is a nationally recognized, 205-bed not-for-profit children's hospital driving innovation in pediatrics. With nearly 3,000 employees and over 1,300 on our medical staff, we are the only health system in the state dedicated exclusively to the care of children. The mission of the IPC is to reduce unintentional injury and violence among Connecticut residents and to translate research into injury prevention programs and policy.

I am submitting testimony in support of this proposal because we know that one of the leading causes of death in the home for young children ages 1 to 4 is drowning. Most of these drowning deaths happen in swimming pools, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The best way to prevent drowning is to ensure that children are always supervised. However, lapses in supervision happen all the time. Most of the time, lapses in supervision do not result in harm, but around water a momentary lapse in supervision can have deadly consequences. Fences around pools can help to protect children even when a parent or other caregiver is distracted or busy doing something that takes them away from supervising a child's activity.

According to the CDC there are 4,000 unintentional drowning deaths and more than 8,000 emergency department visits due to non-fatal drowning on average each year. In Connecticut, we have lower rates of drowning than in most other states. Since 2021 there have been 16 drownings, with 6 deaths of children under 4 years old, 3 deaths of which were pool drownings. Another older teen also died in a pool during that same period (Office of the Child Advocate).

Supporting common-sense measures such as requiring pool fencing in building plans will save lives.

Thank you for your consideration of this position. If you have any questions about this testimony, please contact Connecticut Children's Government Relations Manager Emily Boushee (eboushee@connecticutchildrens.org).