



**Governor Ned Lamont
State of Connecticut**



FACT SHEET
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**HOUSE BILL 6663
*AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ENGLISH LEARNERS' BILL OF RIGHTS***

The State Department of Education and local Boards of Education work to ensure that all Connecticut students have equal opportunity to learn. Despite our efforts, where language barriers exist, some parents and guardians may not know the rights they and their children have under federal and state law.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Governor Lamont believes that all students deserve a quality education and that parents should be empowered to advocate for their children. This legislation will codify into statute a "Bill of Rights for English Learners" and require that school districts inform parents of these rights. Specifically, the Bill of Rights will highlight existing federal and state laws regarding the provision of education. These include, in part:

The right to attend public school regardless of immigration status;

The right for parents and guardians to have a translator present at critical interactions with teachers and school administrators;

The right of the parent and guardian to receive information about the progress of the student's English language development;

The right of an English learner student to have equal access to all grade-level school programming;

The right of an English learner student to have equal access to all core grade-level subject matter;

The right of an English learner student to receive annual language proficiency testing;

The right of an English learner student to receive support services aligned with any intervention plan that the school or school district provides to all students.

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