



Substitute House Bill No. 5424

Special Act No. 02-8

AN ACT CONCERNING CIVIL PREPAREDNESS AND THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN.

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

Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before January 1, 2003, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on planning and activities for children and youth as part of homeland preparedness and emergency response planning to terrorism. The report shall include, where appropriate, provisions which address (1) the discrete health needs of children for purposes of bio-terrorism preparedness, (2) public education and communications for families on public safety issues relating to terrorism, (3) training in safety and security measures and multi-hazard response plans for child care workers, school personnel and personnel in before and after school programs, (4) coordination of school health and mental health strategies, and (5) opportunities for youth to engage in community service, civic activities and programs that provide cultural diversity experiences.