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**Amendment**

LCO No. 4517

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To: House Bill No. 5610

File No. 221

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***"An Act Concerning The Protection Of Children Being Transported To School."***

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- 1 In line 1, before "Section" insert "Section 1."
- 2 After line 11 insert the following:
- 3 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (a) The judicial branch may establish, in accordance  
4 with this section, a pilot program for the resolution of administrative  
5 contested cases involving special education issues. Under the pilot  
6 program the contested cases shall be heard by senior judges or trial  
7 referees. The pilot program shall hear only such cases referred to it by  
8 the Department of Education. The judicial branch shall conduct the  
9 hearings in conformance with the procedures established by law for  
10 such hearings. The judicial branch shall report by June 30, 2002, to the  
11 Department of Education on the success of the pilot program and  
12 recommend ways to improve the department's contested case  
13 procedures.

14       (b) Any party aggrieved by a decision of a senior judge or trial  
15 referee under the pilot program may appeal the decision to the  
16 Appellate Court.

17       (c) The Department of Education shall provide necessary funding  
18 for the pilot program to the judicial branch.

19       Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from its passage, except that section  
20 1 shall take effect October 1, 2000."