



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5133

LCO No. 766

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning Representation Of Children And Parents In Juvenile Proceedings.

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

1 Section 1. There shall be a task force to study the representation of
2 children and parents in juvenile proceedings. Said study shall include,
3 but not be limited to, consideration of (1) what form the delivery of
4 services should take, (2) funding for services, and (3) where the
5 administration of the system for delivery of services should be located.

6 Sec. 2. The task force shall consist of the following members: (1) The
7 Chief Court Administrator or a designee, who shall chair the task
8 force; (2) the Chief Administrative Judge for juvenile matters; (3) a
9 representative of the Judicial Branch who is knowledgeable about child
10 protection proceedings; (4) the Commissioner of Children and
11 Families, or a designee; (5) the Attorney General, or a designee; (6) the
12 Executive Director of the Commission on Children, or a designee; (7)
13 the Chief Public Defender, or a designee; (8) the Child Advocate, or a
14 designee; (9) two representatives of the Children and the Law
15 Committee of the Connecticut Bar Association, one of whom shall be
16 the chairperson of that committee; (10) two representatives of

17 nonprofit organizations advocating for children in the Superior Court
18 for Juvenile Matters; and (11) two representatives of organizations
19 advocating for parents in the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters.

20 Sec. 3. Not later than January 1, 2001, the task force shall submit a
21 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
22 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
23 relating to judiciary. The task force shall terminate on the date that it
24 submits such report or on January 1, 2000, whichever is later.

25 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a task force to study the representation of children and parents involved in court proceedings in the Superior Court for Juvenile Matters.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]