



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 5208**

LCO No. 4895

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF  
SUBSTANTIATION HEARINGS IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
REGISTRY OF REPORTS RELATIVE TO CHILD ABUSE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101k of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall maintain a  
4 registry of the reports received pursuant to sections 17a-101a to 17a-  
5 101d, inclusive, and 17a-103 [.] and may conduct hearings for the  
6 purpose of substantiating information contained in the reports relative  
7 to child abuse. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in  
8 accordance with chapter 54, to permit the use of the registry on a  
9 twenty-four-hour daily basis to prevent or discover abuse of children  
10 and to govern the conduct of such hearings. The information contained  
11 in the reports and any other information relative to child abuse,  
12 wherever located, shall be confidential subject to such statutes and  
13 regulations governing their use and access as shall conform to the  
14 requirements of federal law or regulations. Any violation of this  
15 section or the regulations adopted by the commissioner under this

16 section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand  
17 dollars or imprisonment for not more than one year.

18 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect from its passage.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To specifically authorize and require the Commissioner of Children and Families to adopt regulations governing the conduct of substantiation hearings in connection with the registry of reports relative to child abuse.

*[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.]*

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