



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 6640**

LCO No. 3168

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILDREN'S  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-4a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) The Children's Behavioral Health Advisory Committee shall be  
4 composed of the following members: (1) The Commissioner of  
5 Children and Families or the commissioner's designee; (2) the  
6 Commissioner of Social Services or the commissioner's designee; (3)  
7 the Executive Director of the Children's Health Council or said  
8 director's designee; (4) the Chief Court Administrator or said  
9 administrator's designee; (5) the Commissioner of Education or the  
10 commissioner's designee; (6) the Commissioner of Mental Health and  
11 Addiction Services or the commissioner's designee; (7) the  
12 Commissioner of Mental Retardation or the commissioner's designee;  
13 (8) the executive director of the Office of Protection and Advocacy for  
14 Persons with Disabilities or said director's designee; (9) two members  
15 appointed by the Governor, one member who shall be a parent of a  
16 child who receives behavioral health services and the other a provider

17 of behavioral health services; [(9)] (10) one member each shall be  
18 appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the speaker of  
19 the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the Senate, the  
20 majority leader of the House of Representatives, the minority leader of  
21 the Senate and the minority leader of the House of Representatives, all  
22 of whom shall be knowledgeable on issues relative to children in need  
23 of behavioral health services and family supports; and [(10)] (11)  
24 sixteen members appointed by the chairperson of the State Advisory  
25 Council on Children and Families. The membership of the advisory  
26 committee shall fairly and adequately represent parents of children  
27 who have a serious emotional disturbance. At least fifty per cent of the  
28 members of the advisory committee shall be persons who are parents  
29 or relatives of a child who has or had a serious emotional disturbance  
30 or persons who had a serious emotional disturbance as a child.

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

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*Joint Favorable C/R*

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