



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 470**

LCO No. 4776

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING RESEARCH AND EVALUATION PROJECTS  
RELATED TO THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN  
CONNECTICUT.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (a) The Office of Policy and Management shall  
2 establish a formal relationship with The University of Connecticut  
3 School of Family Health and Allied Medicine by August 1, 2001, to  
4 carry out research and evaluation projects related to the well-being of  
5 children and families in Connecticut including, but not limited to:

6 (1) Detailed data collection and analysis to determine client  
7 populations served, reasons services are provided, services received  
8 and services available and not used and case management and service  
9 outcomes;

10 (2) Identification of the indicators of risk for child abuse, neglect,  
11 and abandonment, juvenile delinquency, educational failure, mental  
12 illness, emotional disturbance and substance abuse in children, and the  
13 prevention and intervention policies and programs required to address  
14 those risks at the earliest point possible including ways to maximize

15 points of contact with and referral to service systems;

16 (3) A detailed assessment of current service needs and forecast  
17 projected needs based to the extent possible on client population  
18 analyses, well-being indicators, surveys, and clinical studies; and

19 (4) The development and monitoring of indicators to measure the  
20 progress toward goals of current state policies and programs for  
21 children and their families, including, but not limited to, healthy,  
22 thriving children, strong, nurturing families, positive youth  
23 development and educational progress and success.

24 (b) The University of Connecticut School of Family Health and  
25 Allied Medicine shall apply for funding from public and private  
26 sources to support the research and evaluation required by this section  
27 in addition to state appropriations it may receive;

28 (c) For the purposes of conducting the research and evaluation  
29 required by this section, The University of Connecticut School of  
30 Family Health and Allied Medicine shall be granted complete access to  
31 all records of all state agencies and state-funded programs providing  
32 services to children and their families, while at all times protecting the  
33 right of privacy of all individuals involved, as provided in section 17a-  
34 28 of the general statutes.

35 (d) The Office of Policy and Management shall submit the results of  
36 the research and evaluation required by this section to the Governor  
37 and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2002, and annually  
38 thereafter.

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

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Office of Policy and Management to establish a formal relationship with The University of Connecticut School of Family Health and Allied Medicine to carry out research and evaluation

projects related to the well-being of children and families in Connecticut.

*[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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