



AN ACT CONCERNING A DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2003, the
2 Department of Children and Families shall establish a differential
3 response pilot program in two of the department's regional offices, one
4 in an urban area and one in a rural area. For purposes of the pilot
5 program, the department shall develop and use an assessment
6 standard to determine which reports of abuse and neglect pursuant to
7 section 17a-101g of the general statutes, require a full investigation and
8 which reports may be referred to community-based agencies for
9 services. The standard shall take into account the nature of the report
10 and the level of risk to the child. Notwithstanding the provisions of
11 chapter 319a of the general statutes, under the pilot program,
12 department staff shall refer low risk reports to community-based
13 agencies for services. On or before January 1, 2004, the Commissioner
14 of Children and Families shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a
15 of the general statutes, on the pilot program to the select committee of
16 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
17 children.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

