



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5757**

LCO No. 2599

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF PARTIES UPON THE REPORTED ABUSE OF A CHILD COMMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) Upon a report of  
2 suspected abuse of any child committed to the Department of Children  
3 and Families, the department shall immediately provide written  
4 notification of such reported abuse to the child's legal guardian, the  
5 child's attorney and all other attorneys of record in any court  
6 proceeding concerning the child. If, after investigation, the department  
7 substantiates such reported abuse, the department shall immediately  
8 provide written notification of the results of such investigation to the  
9 judge of the Superior Court who ordered the child committed to the  
10 department, the Office of the Child Advocate, the child's legal  
11 guardian, the child's attorney and all other attorneys of record in any  
12 court proceeding concerning the child.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2002</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To require notification of suspected and substantiated abuse of a child committed to the Department of Children and Families to be given to the child's legal guardian, the child's attorney and certain other parties.

*[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.]*