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**"AN ACT CONCERNING REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON  
THE FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE."**

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2002*) (a) There is established, within  
3 the Department of Social Services, a Fatherhood Council to increase  
4 involvement of fathers with, and support of, their children, who are  
5 the beneficiaries of funding from the department.

6 (b) The council shall be composed of members with knowledge of  
7 state and community services available to families, and shall include  
8 the Commissioners of Social Services, Children and Families and  
9 Correction, and the Labor Commissioner, or their designees, and  
10 members appointed as follows: (1) Five by the Governor; (2) two by  
11 the president pro tempore of the Senate; (3) one by the majority leader  
12 of the Senate; (4) one by the minority leader of the Senate; (5) two by  
13 the speaker of the House of Representatives; (6) one by the majority  
14 leader of the House of Representatives; (7) one by the minority leader

15 of the House of Representatives; and (8) four by the Commissioner of  
16 Social Services, one of whom shall be a representative of the clergy,  
17 one of whom shall be a representative of a local fatherhood program,  
18 one of whom shall be a representative of a family reintegration  
19 program, and one of whom shall be a representative of a regional  
20 workforce development board. The Commissioner of Social Services,  
21 or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as chairperson of the  
22 council.

23 (c) The Fatherhood Council shall develop and periodically update a  
24 comprehensive plan to: (1) Promote the positive involvement and  
25 interaction of fathers with their children; (2) promote greater education  
26 of, and assistance to, men concerning the emotional, financial and legal  
27 responsibilities of fatherhood; (3) encourage fathers to foster their  
28 emotional connection to, and financial support of, their children; (4)  
29 establish support mechanisms for fathers in their relationships with  
30 their children; and (5) integrate state and local services available for  
31 families. The council shall conduct an evaluation of fatherhood  
32 programs, government policies and community initiatives, and advise  
33 the Commissioner of Social Services on the design, implementation  
34 and evaluation of the Fatherhood Initiative program. The council shall  
35 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the  
36 General Assembly by June 1, 2003, on such plan and evaluation. On  
37 January 1, 2004, and annually thereafter, the council shall report, in  
38 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the General  
39 Assembly, on its activities pursuant to this section.

40 (d) The Department of Social Services, within available  
41 appropriations, shall provide support to the council. The commissioner  
42 shall seek federal funds and funds from private sources to fund the  
43 Fatherhood Initiative and Fatherhood Council."