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**Amendment**

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5757

File No. 420

Cal. No. 261

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

1 After the last section insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) It is the intent of the General  
3 Assembly that the Department of Children and Families initiate a  
4 differential response system. On or before July 1, 2003, the Department  
5 of Children and Families may establish a differential response pilot  
6 program in up to two of the department's regional offices, one in an  
7 urban area and one in a rural area. For purposes of the pilot program,  
8 the department shall develop and use an assessment standard to  
9 determine which reports of abuse and neglect pursuant to section 17a-

10 101g of the general statutes, require a full investigation and which  
11 reports may be referred to community-based agencies for services. The  
12 standard shall take into account the nature of the report and the level  
13 of risk to the child. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 319a of  
14 the general statutes, under the pilot program, department staff shall  
15 refer low-risk reports to community-based agencies for services. On or  
16 before January 1, 2003, the Commissioner of Children and Families  
17 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on  
18 the progress of the pilot program to the select committee of the  
19 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children."