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To: Senate Bill No. 587

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING SPECIAL PAROLE."**

1 After line 27, add the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2002*) The Department of  
3 Children and Families shall immediately provide alternatives to  
4 placement at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School by developing  
5 community-based treatment services and programs specifically for  
6 children of families with service needs, including programs with  
7 respect to truancy, and for children in the juvenile justice system with  
8 serious mental health, substance abuse or other specialized needs.  
9 Such services and programs shall provide mental health interventions,  
10 including multi-systemic therapy, functional family therapy, treatment  
11 foster care and group homes. Such services and programs shall qualify  
12 for use through HUSKY contracts or for federal financial participation  
13 through Title IV-E of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, or  
14 Early Periodic Screening and Diagnostic Treatment Medicaid funds.

15 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
16 Children and Families shall continue to provide a mandatory training  
17 program for all current and newly hired staff members at the  
18 Connecticut Juvenile Training School on the use of physical restraints.  
19 Such training shall emphasize verbal defusing or de-escalation  
20 techniques, prevention strategies and reactive de-escalation strategies  
21 for both the child and staff after a physical restraint has been used.  
22 Such training shall be completed for current employees not later than  
23 July 1, 2002, and for newly hired employees not later than three  
24 months after the date of hire.

25 (b) In order to reduce the use of physical restraints at the  
26 Connecticut Juvenile Training School, the commissioner shall establish  
27 a crisis response team, the members of which shall include clinical  
28 staff. The team shall review every use of a physical restraint to  
29 determine if such use is in accordance with chapter 814e of the general  
30 statutes and regulations adopted by the commissioner pursuant to  
31 subsection (d) of section 17a-16 of the general statutes. The team shall  
32 provide an assessment of a child and staff activity before and after  
33 such use of a physical restraint.

34 Sec. 4. (*Effective from passage*) (a) From July 1, 2002, to July 1, 2003,  
35 the Department of Children and Families shall continue to allow a  
36 monitor selected by the Office of the Child Advocate, and reporting  
37 directly to the Child Advocate, to have unlimited access to the grounds  
38 and all the records of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. The  
39 monitor is authorized to: (1) Provide review and oversight of all  
40 aspects of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, including  
41 treatment, programs and services; (2) review and ensure the timely  
42 implementation of the comprehensive plan established in subsection  
43 (n) of section 17a-3 of the general statutes; (3) review and ensure timely  
44 implementation of all policies, procedures and practices of the  
45 Connecticut Juvenile Training School; (4) interview administration,  
46 staff and children to collect information to improve and strengthen the  
47 programs and services at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School; (5)  
48 assist in the improvement and coordination of communications

49 between administration, staff and children; (6) conduct exit interviews  
50 of each child upon release from the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
51 School and review each child's discharge plan to evaluate the  
52 appropriate delivery of mental health treatment, educational or  
53 vocational training and other services; (7) make recommendations for  
54 long-term improvement; and (8) make recommendations, as  
55 appropriate, that the Department of Children and Families take  
56 corrective action within thirty days of any such recommendation. If  
57 there is a failure to take such corrective action within thirty days, the  
58 Child Advocate shall forward the recommendation to the Governor.

59 (b) The provisions of sections 46a-13m and 46a-13n of the general  
60 statutes, regarding access to and confidentiality of information, shall  
61 apply to the monitor selected by the Child Advocate pursuant to  
62 subsection (a) of this section.

63 Sec. 5. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
64 Children and Families shall prepare quarterly reports, pursuant to  
65 subsection (b) of this section, for the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
66 School.

67 (b) Each report shall contain the following information for the  
68 previous quarter: (1) For each day during the period of the quarterly  
69 report, the sentencing court for each child at the Connecticut Juvenile  
70 Training School, the offense for which the child was convicted, the  
71 number of children discharged to residential placement, a description  
72 of the type of residential program provided to each child discharged to  
73 a residential placement, the number of children discharged to the  
74 community due to expiration of the period of commitment, the time  
75 served at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, and the number of  
76 children returned to the Connecticut Juvenile Training School; and (2)  
77 a summary of each child's assessment upon admission to the  
78 Connecticut Juvenile Training School, the diagnosis of each child after  
79 such intake assessment at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School,  
80 the services required to rehabilitate or to treat the child and the  
81 programs, including special education services, vocational training,

82 and intensive substance abuse treatment, required to be provided to  
83 each child.

84 (c) In compiling the quarterly reports required by this section, no  
85 names or other personal identifying information shall be included.

86 (d) The reports required under this section shall be submitted to the  
87 chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint  
88 standing and select committees of the General Assembly having  
89 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary, human services and  
90 children not later than July 15, 2002, for the quarter ending May 31,  
91 2002, and thereafter on each October fifteenth for the quarter ending  
92 August thirty-first, January fifteenth for the quarter ending November  
93 thirtieth, and April fifteenth for the quarter ending February twenty-  
94 eighth or twenty-ninth."