



General Assembly

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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. BEALS, 88th Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5176

File No. 260

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"AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH IN CRISIS."

1 After the last section, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 17a-11 of the general
3 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
4 (*Effective July 1, 2002*):

5 (a) The commissioner may, in his discretion, admit to the
6 department on a voluntary basis any child or youth who, in his
7 opinion, could benefit from any of the services offered or administered
8 by, or under contract with, or otherwise available to, the department.
9 Application for voluntary admission shall be made in writing by the
10 parent or guardian of a child [under fourteen years of age] or by such
11 person himself if he is a child fourteen years of age or older or a youth.

12 (b) A child or youth voluntarily admitted to the department shall be
13 deemed to be within the care of the commissioner until such admission
14 is terminated. The commissioner shall terminate the admission of any
15 child or youth voluntarily admitted to the department within ten days

16 after receipt of a written request for termination from a parent or
17 guardian of any child [under fourteen] or from a child if fourteen years
18 of age or over, or youth, unless prior to the expiration of that time the
19 commissioner has sought and received from the Superior Court an
20 order of temporary custody as provided by law. The commissioner
21 may terminate the admission of any child or youth voluntarily
22 admitted to the department after giving reasonable notice in writing to
23 the parent or guardian of any child [under fourteen years of age] and
24 to a child over fourteen, and to any youth. Any child or youth
25 admitted voluntarily to the department may be placed in, or
26 transferred to, any resource, facility or institution within the
27 department or available to the commissioner except the Connecticut
28 Juvenile Training School, provided the commissioner shall give
29 written notice to such child or youth and to the parent or guardian of
30 the child of his intention to make a transfer at least ten days prior to
31 any actual transfer, unless written notice is waived by those entitled to
32 receive it, or unless an emergency commitment of such child is made
33 pursuant to section 17a-502."