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

1 After section 1, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established the Norwich
3 Area Family Support Team to make recommendations concerning: (1)
4 Assessment and evaluation of adjudicated and nonadjudicated child
5 abusers who are in the custody of a state agency or the Judicial Branch,
6 or receiving services from a provider under the contract with a state
7 agency or the Judicial Branch, to determine whether such persons pose
8 a continued risk of committing acts of child abuse and make
9 recommendations to such state agency or the Judicial Branch
10 concerning the appropriate placement and the level of supervision of
11 such persons and a mechanism for achieving such appropriate
12 placement and the level of supervision of such persons; (2) the manner
13 in which a person having reason to believe that a person in the custody
14 of a state agency or the Judicial Branch or receiving services from a

15 provider under contract with a state agency or the Judicial Branch, is at
16 risk of committing child abuse due to such person's placement or level
17 of supervision, may report such belief in confidence to the Department
18 of Children and Families or the Judicial Branch.

19 (b) The Norwich Area Family Support Team shall be composed of:

20 (1) The following state officials or their designees: The Attorney
21 General, the Chief State's Attorney, the Chief Public Defender, the
22 executive director of the Court Support Services Division, the
23 Commissioners of Children and Families, Correction, Mental Health
24 and Addiction Services, Public Health and Public Safety, the director
25 of the Office for Protection and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities,
26 the chairperson of the Board of Parole, the Victim Advocate and the
27 Child Advocate; and (2) a pediatrician from Backus Hospital and a
28 representative from each of the following organizations: The Norwich
29 Police Department, the Norwich Fire Department, United and
30 Community Family Services, Thames Valley Council for Community
31 Action, Norwich Youth and Family Services, Madonna Place, Families
32 First, the Parent Aide Program, the Women's Center and Project Learn.
33 The Commissioner of Children and Families or the commissioner's
34 designee shall serve as chairperson of the team.

35 (c) The team shall report its findings and recommendations to the
36 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
37 of matters relating to judiciary not later than January 1, 2003, in
38 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes."