



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 686

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Substitute House Bill No. 6226

House of Representatives, May 13, 2003

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) (a) The Department of
2 Children and Families shall ensure that the Connecticut Juvenile
3 Training School:

4 (1) Completes a written individualized treatment plan for each
5 child admitted to the school not later than thirty days from the date of
6 such child's admission;

7 (2) Complies with the provisions of sections 46a-150 to 46a-154,
8 inclusive, of the general statutes regarding the use of physical
9 restraints, medication and seclusion of children at the school;

10 (3) Provides training to all staff at the school regarding their
11 mandatory child abuse and neglect reporting obligations under section
12 17a-101 of the general statutes;

13 (4) Provides the opportunity for each child at the school to engage in
14 at least one hour of physical exercise per day on weekdays and at least
15 two hours of physical exercise per day on weekends.

16 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall report,
17 annually, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
18 general statutes, to the select committee of the General Assembly
19 having cognizance of matters relating to children, with respect to the
20 department's compliance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this
21 section.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2003</i>

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Type	FY 04 \$	FY 05 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Cost	None	None

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

It is anticipated that the Department of Children and Families will be able to achieve standards set forth in the bill and submit the required annual report without requiring additional resources.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families to report annually to the Children's Committee on the Connecticut Juvenile Training School's compliance with:

1. completing an individual treatment plan for each child within 30 days of admission,
2. giving each child the opportunity for at least one hour of physical activity each weekday and two hours a day on weekends,
3. training all staff on their responsibilities as mandatory reporters of report child abuse and neglect, and
4. following state law governing the use of physical restraints, seclusion, and psychopharmacological agents.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2003

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred this bill (File 291) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported this substitute, eliminating a requirement that the training school complete health, mental health, and educational assessments within seven days of a child's admission.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report
Yea 18 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 43 Nay 7