



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6451

January Session, 2003

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE RETENTION OF TAPE RECORDED
REPORTS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-103 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Any mandated reporter acting outside [his] such reporter's
4 professional capacity and any other person having reasonable cause to
5 suspect or believe that any child under the age of eighteen is in danger
6 of being abused, or has been abused or neglected, as defined in section
7 46b-120, may cause a written or oral report to be made to the
8 Commissioner of Children and Families or [his] the commissioner's
9 representative or a law enforcement agency. The Commissioner of
10 Children and Families or [his] the commissioner's representative shall
11 use his or her best efforts to obtain the name and address of a person
12 who causes a report to be made pursuant to this section. In the case of
13 an oral report, such report shall be recorded on tape and the
14 commissioner or [his] the commissioner's representative shall
15 announce to the person making such report that such report is being
16 recorded and shall state the penalty for knowingly making a false
17 report of child abuse or neglect under subsection (c) of section 17a-
18 101e. The commissioner shall maintain such tape recording for not less
19 than five years.

