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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6226

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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE  
TRAINING SCHOOL."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) The Probate Court  
4 Administrator shall establish a pilot program in the probate district of  
5 Middletown, to begin on July 1, 2004, for the purpose of exercising  
6 jurisdiction over and administering cases arising in said district  
7 concerning persons under the age of eighteen who have (1) without  
8 just cause run away from the parental home or other properly  
9 authorized and lawful place of abode, (2) are beyond the control of  
10 their parents, guardians or other custodians, (3) are truants or habitual  
11 truants, or (4) while in school, have been continuously and overtly  
12 defiant of school rules and regulations.

13 (b) The Probate Court Administrator and the Chief Court  
14 Administrator shall jointly prepare a plan to implement the pilot  
15 program established in subsection (a) of this section. The plan shall  
16 include, but not be limited to, the following:

17 (1) A mechanism for financing the pilot program, which may  
18 include a sliding scale of voluntary contributions by parents or  
19 utilization of the Probate Court Administration fund under section  
20 45a-82 of the general statutes;

21 (2) Types of services the probate court may provide families who  
22 participate in the program;

23 (3) Procedures for cases to be brought directly to the Middletown  
24 probate district and for cases brought to the Superior Court to be  
25 transferred to the Middletown probate district;

26 (4) Training necessary for probate judges and staff regarding  
27 assessment and interaction with families requesting court services and  
28 accessing local support and treatment services for families;

29 (5) Statutory revisions necessary to implement the program; and

30 (6) Criteria for probate judges to consider when deciding whether to  
31 temporarily transfer guardianship in cases brought to the probate  
32 court under the program.

33 (c) On or before February 1, 2004, the Probate Court Administrator  
34 and the Chief Court Administrator shall report, in accordance with  
35 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
36 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
37 judiciary and the select committee of the General Assembly having  
38 cognizance of matters relating to children, with respect to the plan  
39 required by subsection (b) of this section to implement the pilot  
40 program established in subsection (a) of this section.

41 (d) On or before July 1, 2005, the Probate Court Administrator shall  
42 report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the

43 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
44 of matters relating to the judiciary and the select committee of the  
45 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,  
46 with respect to the status and effectiveness of the pilot program  
47 established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

48 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2003*) (a) Notwithstanding the  
49 provisions of sections 46b-150f and 46b-150g of the general statutes,  
50 the Probate Court Administrator shall establish a pilot program in the  
51 probate district of Middletown for the purpose of exercising  
52 jurisdiction over and administering youth in crisis cases arising in said  
53 district in which the youths in crisis are not truants.

54 (b) On or before January 1, 2005, the Probate Court Administrator  
55 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to  
56 the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
57 cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and the select committee  
58 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
59 children, with respect to the status and effectiveness of the pilot  
60 program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section."