



# Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 217**

Senate Bill No. 308

*Senate, March 24, 2004*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. HANDLEY of the 4th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

## **AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF CHILD NEGLECT REPORTS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-103c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 Upon the receipt of a report of suspected abuse or neglect of any  
4 child committed to the Commissioner of Children and Families as  
5 delinquent, the Department of Children and Families shall, no later  
6 than ten days after receipt of [the complaint] such report, provide  
7 written notification of such report to the child's legal guardian and the  
8 child's attorney in the delinquency proceeding that resulted in the  
9 commitment. If, after investigation, the department substantiates the  
10 reported abuse or neglect, the department shall, no later than ten days  
11 after [receipt of the complaint] substantiation of such abuse or neglect,  
12 provide written notification of the substantiated report of abuse or  
13 neglect to the child's legal guardian and the child's attorney in the



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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The Department of Children and Families will be able to comply with notification requirements set forth in the bill without the need for additional resources.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION OF CHILD NEGLECT REPORTS****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to notify the legal guardian of any child committed to its care as a delinquent within 10 days of receiving a report that the child has been neglected. It must also notify the attorney who represented the child in the delinquency proceeding that led to the commitment. This requirement already applies to abuse reports.

The bill also (1) changes the deadline for DCF to notify these parties if it substantiates an abuse report from 10 days after the report is received to 10 days after it is substantiated and (2) applies the new deadline to neglect reports. By law, DCF has 30 days to complete an abuse or neglect investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17 Nay 0