



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5345**

February Session, 2004

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION.**

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

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of  
2 Children and Families may accept grants to create a two-year pilot  
3 program for two hundred special needs adoptions to reduce the time  
4 that an adoption is finalized from forty-eight to twenty-four months.  
5 The Jewish Family Services of New Haven, The Village for Families  
6 and Children and Children and Families Agency Inc. shall implement  
7 the pilot program. The pilot program shall implement strategies to  
8 reduce the time between the removal of a special needs child from his  
9 or her home and a finalized adoption.

10       (b) The Department of Children and Families shall conduct an  
11 independent evaluation of the pilot program and report, in accordance  
12 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the select  
13 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
14 relating to children, not later than January 15, 2007.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>

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*Joint Favorable Subst. C/R*

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