



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 299**

LCO No. 1296

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE AND  
NEGLECT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-101g of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Upon receiving a report of child abuse or neglect, as provided in  
5 sections 17a-101a to 17a-101c, inclusive, as amended, or section 17a-  
6 103, in which the alleged perpetrator is (1) a person responsible for  
7 such child's health, welfare or care, (2) a person given access to such  
8 child by such responsible person, or (3) a person entrusted with the  
9 care of a child, the Commissioner of Children and Families, or the  
10 commissioner's designee, shall cause the report to be classified and  
11 evaluated immediately. If the report contains sufficient information to  
12 warrant an investigation, the commissioner shall make the  
13 commissioner's best efforts to commence an investigation of a report  
14 concerning an imminent risk of physical harm to a child or other  
15 emergency [within] not later than two hours [of] after receipt of the  
16 report and shall commence an investigation of all other reports

17 [within] not later than seventy-two hours [of] after receipt of the  
18 report. The department shall complete any such investigation [within  
19 thirty] no later than forty-five calendar days [of] after receipt of the  
20 report. If the report is a report of child abuse or neglect in which the  
21 alleged perpetrator is not a person specified in subdivision (1), (2) or  
22 (3) of this subsection, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall  
23 refer the report to the appropriate local law enforcement authority for  
24 the town in which the child resides or in which the alleged abuse or  
25 neglect occurred.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To change the time frame for the Department of Children and Families to complete child abuse and neglect investigations from thirty to forty-five days.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*