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**"AN ACT CONCERNING INPATIENT DATA REGARDING  
CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN NEED OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SERVICES."**

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

3 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Department of Children and  
4 Families and the Judicial Department shall develop and implement a  
5 plan to reform the juvenile justice system. Such plan shall include, but  
6 not be limited to: (1) The development and implementation of a  
7 comprehensive initial assessment that shall be administered to any  
8 child or youth involved in a "juvenile matter", as defined in section  
9 46b-121 of the general statutes, (2) the development and  
10 implementation of comprehensive initial assessment tools for a child  
11 with behavioral health needs, referred to the court as a member of a  
12 "family with service needs" or as a "youth in crisis", as said terms are  
13 defined in section 46b-120 of the general statutes, so that such child  
14 may be diverted from the juvenile justice system to appropriate

15 behavioral health services, and (3) the development and  
16 implementation of appropriate programs and services for children and  
17 youth placed at facilities operated or funded by the Departments of  
18 Children and Families, Correction or the Judicial Department.

19 (b) Not later than January 1, 2005, the Commissioner of Children  
20 and Families and the Chief Court Administrator shall submit, in  
21 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, the plan for  
22 reform of the juvenile justice system to the joint standing committees  
23 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
24 judiciary and human services and to the select committee of the  
25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children.

26 Sec. 502. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) On or before January 1, 2005,  
27 and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Children and Families  
28 shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a  
29 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
30 cognizance of matters relating to human services, on all programs  
31 administered or operated by the Department of Children and Families  
32 in accordance with section 17a-3 of the general statutes. Said report  
33 shall, include, but not be limited to, a detailed accounting of the  
34 financial expenditure for each program administered or operated by  
35 the department for the prior fiscal year.

36 Sec. 503. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2004*) On and after July 1, 2004,  
37 each emergency shelter, licensed by the department in accordance with  
38 the provisions of section 17a-145 of the general statutes, shall notify the  
39 Department of Children and Families monthly of the name and length  
40 of stay of any child or youth who has been a resident at such shelter  
41 for thirty-eight days or more.

42 Sec. 504. Subsection (a) of section 17a-125 of the general statutes is  
43 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
44 *1, 2004*):

45 (a) There is established an Out-of-Home Placements Advisory  
46 Council. The council shall advise and make recommendations to the

47 Governor, the General Assembly and the Commissioner of Children  
48 and Families concerning: (1) The Department of Children and Families'  
49 placement processes and policies, including, but not limited to, policies  
50 regarding foster care and therapeutic foster care, residential treatment,  
51 group home and transitional living services, emergency shelter and  
52 inpatient mental health placements, reasons for emergency shelter  
53 overstays, and therapeutic placement alternatives to emergency  
54 shelters; (2) the placement resources needed for the populations and  
55 age groups the department serves, including a discussion of resources  
56 needed for populations that (A) have been abused, neglected or are at-  
57 risk, (B) have mental health or substance abuse treatment needs, (C)  
58 are delinquent, (D) are members of a family with service needs, (E) are  
59 committed to the department, or (F) are receiving voluntary services or  
60 services through the noncommitted treatment program; (3) the  
61 geographic availability of placement services; (4) the availability of  
62 culturally competent services and appropriate services for children  
63 with complex medical needs or physical or developmental disabilities;  
64 (5) eligibility and utilization standards for out-of-home care options  
65 and eligibility and utilization standards for the populations and age  
66 groups the department serves; (6) the impact of the policies and  
67 processes of the department on the availability of timely and  
68 appropriate access to services; (7) an examination of quality assurance  
69 measures; (8) the amount of family or guardian input with respect to  
70 placement options and service providers; (9) the timeliness and  
71 effectiveness of client and family or guardian grievance procedures;  
72 (10) the degree of coordination with other state and local agencies and  
73 private organizations having responsibility for populations or age  
74 groups the department serves; and (11) other issues relating to out-of-  
75 home placements, as the council may deem appropriate. For purposes  
76 of this subsection, "emergency shelter overstays" means placement in  
77 an emergency shelter that exceeds forty-five days."