



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6982

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF THE CONNECTICUT
JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a critical
2 response team to make recommendations concerning the
3 reorganization and operation of the Connecticut Juvenile Training
4 School. The critical response team shall consist of twenty-four
5 members as follows: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and
6 Management, or the secretary's designee; (2) the Commissioner of
7 Children and Families, or the commissioner's designee, the director of
8 the Juvenile Services Bureau of the Department of Children and
9 Families, or the director's designee, and one additional representative
10 of the Department of Children and Families who shall be
11 knowledgeable regarding the treatment and rehabilitation of children
12 and youths; (3) six members appointed by the Governor, one of whom
13 shall be a representative of the Department of Correction, one of whom
14 shall be a representative of the Department of Mental Health and
15 Addiction Services, one of whom shall be a representative of the
16 Department of Education, one of whom shall be a representative of the
17 Office of the Child Advocate, one of whom shall be a representative of
18 the Commission on Children, and one of whom shall be a
19 representative of a labor organization representing health care workers
20 in this state; (4) one member who shall be a representative of The

21 University of Connecticut School of Law; (5) two members, one of
22 whom shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit
23 organization that is a residential treatment facility and one of whom
24 shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit organization
25 that is not a residential treatment facility; (6) two members, each of
26 whom shall be the parent of a child diagnosed with mental health
27 needs and having a juvenile record of adjudication; (7) three members,
28 each of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and at least
29 one of whom represents the residents of the area immediately
30 surrounding the Connecticut Juvenile Training School; (8) one member
31 who shall be a judge of the Superior Court having expertise in juvenile
32 matters; (9) one member who shall be a child psychiatrist specializing
33 in trauma-based treatment; (10) two members, each of whom shall be a
34 licensed clinical psychologist; and (11) two members who shall be
35 representatives of the two labor organizations representing the
36 employees of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Seven of the
37 members required by subdivisions (4) to (11), inclusive, of this
38 subsection shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of
39 Representatives and seven of such members shall be appointed by the
40 president pro tempore of the Senate, as the speaker and president pro
41 tempore shall mutually agree. All appointments to the critical response
42 team shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of
43 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.
44 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall convene
45 the first meeting of the critical response team not later than sixty days
46 after the effective date of this section. The critical response team shall
47 select cochairpersons from among its members, provided one
48 cochairperson shall be a member of the General Assembly or an
49 appointee of either the speaker of the House of Representatives or the
50 president pro tempore of the Senate and one cochairperson shall be a
51 representative of the executive branch or an appointee of the
52 Governor.

53 (b) The critical response team shall have as its primary purpose the
54 possible reorganization of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School for

55 educational or health care use. If such reorganization is determined by
56 the critical response team to be in the best interest of juveniles, the
57 critical response team shall have as its secondary purpose the
58 development of recommendations for relocating the children currently
59 placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School to more
60 appropriate regional facilities based on the system implemented in the
61 state of Missouri.

62 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2006, the
63 critical response team established under section 1 of this act shall
64 submit a report of its recommendations to the joint standing
65 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
66 relating to the judiciary and human services, and the select committee
67 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
68 children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
69 general statutes. Such report shall include: (1) A proposed design and
70 demonstration for the restructured and reorganized Connecticut
71 Juvenile Training School, as appropriate; (2) a timetable for relocating
72 children placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School to more
73 appropriate regional facilities; and (3) a summary of the
74 recommendations of the critical response team and a list of such
75 recommendations prioritized by order of importance.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section

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