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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

SEN. FREEDMAN, 26th Dist.

REP. TYMNIAK, 133rd Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS OF CHILDREN COMMITTED TO THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

- 1 That section 17a-151aa of the general statutes be amended to
- 2 provide that Department of Children and Families, prior to placing a
- 3 child with service needs in an out-of-state placement, shall ensure that
- 4 such child has undergone a complete behavioral health assessment
- 5 conducted by a licensed psychologist or licensed social worker.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Children and Families to ensure that a child with special needs receives a complete behavioral health assessment prior to such child being allowed to go to an out-of-state placement.