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"AN ACT CONCERNING REGIONAL CHILDREN'S PROBATE COURTS."

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

3 "Sec. 501. Subsection (a) of section 45a-82 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
5 *1, 2005*):

6 (a) The Probate Court Administration Fund is established, to consist
7 of the amounts [hereinafter] provided in this section, to be paid over as
8 [herein] provided in this section to the State Treasurer. For the fiscal
9 year ending June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year thereafter, amounts in
10 the fund may be expended only pursuant to appropriation by the
11 General Assembly.

12 Sec. 502. Section 45a-84 of the general statutes is repealed and the

13 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):

14 (a) The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to fiscal
15 years before the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. On or before April
16 first of each year, the Probate Court Administrator shall prepare a
17 proposed budget for the next succeeding fiscal year beginning July
18 first, for the appropriate expenditures of funds from the Probate Court
19 Administration Fund to carry out the statutory duties of the Probate
20 Court Administrator. The Probate Court Administrator shall submit
21 the proposed budget to the executive committee of the Probate
22 Assembly for review. The executive committee shall return the
23 proposed budget to the Probate Court Administrator no later than
24 May first, together with its comments and recommendations
25 concerning the proposed expenditures. The Probate Court
26 Administrator shall thereafter prepare a proposed final budget,
27 including such changes recommended by the executive committee as
28 the Probate Court Administrator deems appropriate. On or before May
29 fifteenth, the Probate Court Administrator shall transmit the proposed
30 final budget to the Chief Court Administrator for approval, together
31 with the comments and recommendations of the executive committee
32 of the Probate Assembly. On or before June fifteenth of that year, the
33 Chief Court Administrator shall take such action on the budget, or any
34 portion thereof, as the Chief Court Administrator deems appropriate.
35 If the Chief Court Administrator fails to act on the proposed budget on
36 or before June fifteenth, the budget shall be deemed approved as
37 proposed.

38 (b) The provisions of this subsection shall be applicable to fiscal
39 years before the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007. The Probate Court
40 Administrator may, from time to time, request authority from the
41 Chief Court Administrator to expend additional money from the
42 Probate Court Administration Fund to respond to any matter that
43 could not have been reasonably anticipated in the regular budget
44 process. A copy of all such requests shall be sent to the president judge
45 of the Connecticut Probate Assembly. If the Chief Court Administrator
46 fails to act on the request within twenty-one calendar days of receipt of

47 the request, the request shall be deemed approved.

48 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, and each fiscal year
49 thereafter, the Probate Court Administrator, in consultation with the
50 Connecticut Probate Assembly and the Chief Court Administrator,
51 shall prepare estimates for the appropriate expenditure of funds from
52 the Probate Court Administration Fund, and any recommended
53 adjustments and revisions to such estimates, to carry out the statutory
54 duties of the Probate Court Administrator. Such estimates shall be
55 included in the estimates of expenditure requirements, and any
56 recommended adjustments and revisions of such estimates,
57 transmitted by the judicial branch pursuant to section 4-77.

58 ~~[(c)]~~ (d) The Probate Court Administrator may authorize such
59 expenditures from the Probate Court Administration Fund for
60 emergency purposes as from time to time may be necessary, provided
61 the aggregate amount of such emergency expenditures for any one
62 fiscal year shall not exceed five thousand dollars. A report on each
63 such expenditure shall be sent to the Chief Court Administrator, [and]
64 the [president judge] president-judge of the Connecticut Probate
65 Assembly and the chairpersons of the joint standing committees of the
66 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the
67 judiciary and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies within
68 ten days after the expenditure is made."