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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6982

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a critical  
4 response team to make recommendations concerning the  
5 reorganization and operation of the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
6 School. The critical response team shall consist of twenty-five members  
7 as follows: (1) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management,  
8 or the secretary's designee; (2) the Commissioner of Children and  
9 Families, or the commissioner's designee, the director of the Juvenile  
10 Services Bureau of the Department of Children and Families, or the  
11 director's designee, and one additional representative of the  
12 Department of Children and Families designated by said  
13 commissioner who shall be knowledgeable regarding the treatment  
14 and rehabilitation of children and youths; (3) the Chief State's

15 Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee; (4) the Chief Public  
16 Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's designee; (5) the mayor of the  
17 city of Middletown, or the mayor's designee; (6) four members  
18 appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a representative of  
19 the Department of Education, one of whom shall be a representative of  
20 the Office of the Child Advocate, one of whom shall be a member of  
21 the Connecticut Juvenile Training School advisory group, and one of  
22 whom shall be a representative of the labor organization representing  
23 the employees of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School who are  
24 health care workers; (7) seven members appointed by the speaker of  
25 the House of Representatives as follows: (A) Two members, one of  
26 whom shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit  
27 organization that is a residential treatment facility and one of whom  
28 shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit organization  
29 that is not a residential treatment facility; (B) two members, each of  
30 whom shall be the parent of a child diagnosed with mental health  
31 needs and having a juvenile record of adjudication; (C) two members,  
32 each of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly and at least  
33 one of whom represents the residents of the area immediately  
34 surrounding the Connecticut Juvenile Training School; and (D) one  
35 member who shall be a representative of the Commission on Children;  
36 and (8) seven members appointed by the president pro tempore of the  
37 Senate as follows: (A) One member who shall be a representative of  
38 The University of Connecticut School of Law; (B) one member who  
39 shall be a member of the General Assembly; (C) one member who shall  
40 be a judge of the Superior Court having expertise in juvenile matters;  
41 (D) one member who shall be a child psychiatrist specializing in  
42 trauma-based treatment; and (E) three members who shall be  
43 representatives of the labor organizations representing the employees  
44 of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. All appointments to the  
45 critical response team shall be made not later than thirty days after the  
46 effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the  
47 appointing authority. The Secretary of the Office of Policy and  
48 Management, or the secretary's designee, shall convene the first  
49 meeting of the critical response team not later than sixty days after the

50 effective date of this section. The critical response team shall select  
51 cochairpersons from among its members, provided one cochairperson  
52 shall be a member of the General Assembly or an appointee of either  
53 the speaker of the House of Representatives or the president pro  
54 tempore of the Senate and one cochairperson shall be a representative  
55 of the executive branch or an appointee of the Governor.

56 (b) The critical response team shall have as its primary purpose the  
57 possible reorganization of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School for  
58 educational or health care use and excluding its use as an adult  
59 correctional facility. If such reorganization is determined by the critical  
60 response team to be in the best interest of juveniles, the critical  
61 response team shall have as its secondary purpose the development of  
62 recommendations for relocating the children currently placed in the  
63 Connecticut Juvenile Training School to more appropriate regional  
64 facilities.

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

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| 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 |