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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 who shall be knowledgeable  
13 regarding the treatment and rehabilitation of children and youths; (3)  
14 the Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee; (4)

15 the Chief Public Defender, or the Chief Public Defender's designee; (5)  
16 the mayor of the city of Middletown, or the mayor's designee; (6) four  
17 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be a  
18 representative of the Department of Education, one of whom shall be a  
19 representative of the Office of the Child Advocate, one of whom shall  
20 be a representative of the Commission on Children, and one of whom  
21 shall be a representative of the labor organization representing the  
22 employees of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School who are health  
23 care workers; (7) one member who shall be a representative of The  
24 University of Connecticut School of Law; (8) two members, one of  
25 whom shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit  
26 organization that is a residential treatment facility and one of whom  
27 shall be a representative of a community-based nonprofit organization  
28 that is not a residential treatment facility; (9) two members, each of  
29 whom shall be the parent of a child diagnosed with mental health  
30 needs and having a juvenile record of adjudication; (10) three  
31 members, each of whom shall be a member of the General Assembly  
32 and at least one of whom represents the residents of the area  
33 immediately surrounding the Connecticut Juvenile Training School;  
34 (11) one member who shall be a judge of the Superior Court having  
35 expertise in juvenile matters; (12) one member who shall be a child  
36 psychiatrist specializing in trauma-based treatment; (13) two members,  
37 each of whom shall be a licensed clinical psychologist and one of  
38 whom shall be a member of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School  
39 advisory group; and (14) two members who shall be representatives of  
40 the two labor organizations representing the employees of the  
41 Connecticut Juvenile Training School who are not health care workers.  
42 Seven of the members required by subdivisions (7) to (14), inclusive, of  
43 this subsection shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of  
44 Representatives and seven of such members shall be appointed by the  
45 president pro tempore of the Senate, as the speaker and president pro  
46 tempore shall mutually agree. All appointments to the critical response  
47 team shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of  
48 this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.  
49 The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or the

50 secretary's designee, shall convene the first meeting of the critical  
51 response team not later than sixty days after the effective date of this  
52 section. The critical response team shall select cochairpersons from  
53 among its members, provided one cochairperson shall be a member of  
54 the General Assembly or an appointee of either the speaker of the  
55 House of Representatives or the president pro tempore of the Senate  
56 and one cochairperson shall be a representative of the executive branch  
57 or an appointee of the Governor.

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

67 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2006, the  
68 critical response team established under section 1 of this act shall  
69 submit a report of its recommendations to the joint standing  
70 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
71 relating to the judiciary and human services, and the select committee  
72 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
73 children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
74 general statutes. Such report shall include: (1) A proposed design and  
75 demonstration for the restructured and reorganized Connecticut  
76 Juvenile Training School, as appropriate; (2) a timetable for relocating  
77 children placed in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School to more  
78 appropriate regional facilities; (3) recommendations for the utilization  
79 or redeployment of the employees of the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
80 School; and (4) a summary of the policy recommendations of the  
81 critical response team and a list of such policy recommendations  
82 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 |