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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) one member
37 who shall be a member of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School
38 advisory group; and (14) three members who shall be representatives
39 of the labor organizations representing the employees of the
40 Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Seven of the members required
41 by subdivisions (7) to (14), inclusive, of this subsection shall be
42 appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives and seven of
43 such members shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
44 Senate, as the speaker and president pro tempore shall mutually agree.
45 All appointments to the critical response team shall be made not later
46 than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy
47 shall be filled by the appointing authority. The Secretary of the Office
48 of Policy and Management, or the secretary's designee, shall convene
49 the first meeting of the critical response team not later than sixty days

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

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

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