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Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF PREVENTION
RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES TO THE CHILDREN'S TRUST FUND.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The functions, powers,
2 duties and personnel of the Bureau of Prevention, Early Intervention
3 and Community Relations of the Department of Children and
4 Families, or any subsequent bureau or portion of a bureau or division
5 with similar functions, powers, personnel and duties to the bureau as
6 constituted on January 1, 2006, shall be transferred to the Children's
7 Trust Fund Council established in section 17a-50 of the general
8 statutes, as amended by this act, pursuant to sections 4-38d, 4-38e and
9 4-39 of the general statutes.

10 Sec. 2. Section 17a-50 of the 2006 supplement to the general statutes
11 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
12 *1, 2007*):

13 (a) There is established a Children's Trust Fund, the resources of
14 which shall be used by the council established pursuant to subsection

15 (b) of this section to fund programs aimed at preventing child abuse
16 and neglect and family resource programs. Said fund is intended to be
17 in addition to those resources that would otherwise be appropriated
18 by the state for programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect
19 and family resource programs. The Children's Trust Fund Council may
20 apply for and accept any federal funds which are available for a
21 Children's Trust Fund and shall administer such funds in the manner
22 required by federal law. The fund shall receive money from grants and
23 gifts made pursuant to section 17a-18. The Children's Trust Fund
24 Council shall adopt regulations, in accordance with [the provisions of]
25 chapter 54, to administer the fund and to set eligibility requirements
26 for programs seeking funding. Youth service bureaus may receive
27 funds from the Children's Trust Fund. The Parent Trust Fund,
28 established pursuant to subsection [(c)] (d) of this section, may receive
29 funds directed to it through the Children's Trust Fund.

30 (b) There shall be established, within existing resources, a Children's
31 Trust Fund Council which shall be within the Department of Children
32 and Families for administrative purposes only. The council shall be
33 composed of sixteen members as follows: (1) The Commissioners of
34 Social Services, Education, Children and Families and Public Health, or
35 their designees; (2) a representative of the business community with
36 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the president pro tempore of
37 the Senate; (3) a representative of the business community with
38 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the speaker of the House of
39 Representatives; (4) a representative of the business community with
40 experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority leader of the
41 House of Representatives; (5) a representative of the business
42 community with experience in fund-raising, appointed by the minority
43 leader of the Senate; (6) a parent, appointed by the majority leader of
44 the House of Representatives; (7) a parent, appointed by the majority
45 leader of the Senate; (8) a parent, appointed by the president pro
46 tempore of the Senate; (9) a person with expertise in child abuse
47 prevention, appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;
48 (10) a person with expertise in child abuse prevention, appointed by

49 the minority leader of the House of Representatives; (11) a staff
50 member of a child abuse prevention program, appointed by the
51 minority leader of the Senate; (12) a staff member of a child abuse
52 prevention program, appointed by the majority leader of the House of
53 Representatives; and (13) a pediatrician, appointed by the majority
54 leader of the Senate. The council shall solicit and accept funds, on
55 behalf of the Children's Trust Fund, to be used for the prevention of
56 child abuse and neglect and family resource programs, or on behalf of
57 the Parent Trust Fund, to be used for parent community involvement
58 to improve the health, safety and education of children, and shall make
59 grants to programs pursuant to subsections (a) and [(c)] (d) of this
60 section. The council may, subject to the provisions of chapter 67,
61 employ an executive director and any necessary staff within available
62 appropriations.

63 (c) On and after July 1, 2007, the council shall constitute a successor
64 agency to the Department of Children and Families, in accordance
65 with sections 4-38d, 4-38e and 4-39, with respect to the functions,
66 powers, duties and personnel of the Bureau of Prevention, Early
67 Intervention and Community Relations as of January 1, 2006. Any
68 order or regulation of the Department of Children and Families which
69 is in force on July 1, 2007, shall continue in force and effect as an order
70 or regulation of the council until amended, repealed or superseded
71 pursuant to law.

72 [(c)] (d) There is established a Parent Trust Fund which shall be
73 used to fund programs aimed at improving the health, safety and
74 education of children by training parents in civic leadership skills and
75 supporting increased, sustained, quality parental engagement in
76 community affairs. The fund shall receive federal or private money
77 from grants and gifts made pursuant to section 17a-18.

78 [(d)] (e) On or before July 1, 1997, and annually thereafter, the
79 Children's Trust Fund Council shall report to the joint standing
80 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

81 relating to human services, public health and education concerning the
82 source and amount of funds received by the Children's Trust Fund and
83 the Parent Trust Fund, and the manner in which such funds were
84 administered and disbursed.

85 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Legislative Program Review and
86 Investigations Committee shall conduct a study to identify the
87 responsibilities of the Bureau of Prevention, Early Intervention and
88 Community Relations within the Department of Children and Families
89 and the corresponding provisions of the general statutes. The
90 committee shall also identify other functions of the Department of
91 Children and Families that relate to prevention of child abuse and
92 neglect for children and families where the child is not committed to
93 the care or custody of the department or has not been the subject of a
94 referral to the department. The committee shall submit a report on its
95 findings and recommendations, if any, to the General Assembly not
96 later than January 1, 2007. The report shall be submitted in accordance
97 with section 11-4a of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	17a-50
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To transfer certain prevention responsibilities of the Department of Children and Families to the Children's Trust Fund Council.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]