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**"AN ACT CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES OPERATED  
BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."**

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

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Notwithstanding any  
4 provision of the general statutes, on and before January 1, 2009, no  
5 state agency, including, but not limited to, the Department of Children  
6 and Families, may close a residential facility operated by the  
7 Department of Children and Families without obtaining prior  
8 legislative approval in accordance with this section.

9 (b) To obtain such legislative approval, the state agency shall file a  
10 plan with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate.  
11 The plan shall include details about (1) the proposed closure and any  
12 proposed new facility for residents displaced by the closure; (2) the  
13 number of residents and staff affected by the proposed closure and the  
14 number of potential residents of any proposed new facility; (3) the

15 associated costs of the proposed closure and any proposed new  
16 facility; (4) statutory changes necessary to implement the closure or  
17 construction of a proposed new facility; and (5) the planned use, if any,  
18 of the facility's land and buildings after the closure.

19 (c) Not later than five days after receiving the plan, the clerks of the  
20 House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the plan to the  
21 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
22 of matters relating to human services. Not later than thirty days after  
23 receiving the plan, the committee shall hold a joint public hearing on  
24 the plan with the select committee of the General Assembly having  
25 cognizance of matters relating to children. The committees may seek  
26 input from other committees or members of the General Assembly.  
27 Not later than five days after the hearing, (1) the committees shall each  
28 hold a roll-call vote to approve or reject the plan, in whole, and (2) the  
29 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance  
30 of matters relating to human services shall report the plan and a record  
31 of each committee's vote to the General Assembly.

32 (d) The General Assembly may approve or reject the plan, in whole,  
33 by a majority vote of each house. If the plan is submitted when the  
34 General Assembly is not in session, the plan shall be deemed rejected if  
35 the General Assembly fails to convene to consider the plan not later  
36 than thirty days after it receives the plan from the committee.

37 (e) If the plan is approved pursuant to subsection (d) of this section,  
38 the state agency may implement the plan, provided any required  
39 amendments to the general statutes are enacted prior to  
40 implementation. If the plan is rejected pursuant to subsection (d) of  
41 this section, the state agency may submit an amended plan for  
42 approval in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

43 Sec. 2. (*Effective October 1, 2006*) Not later than December 1, 2006, the  
44 Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report to the  
45 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
46 matters relating to children, in accordance with section 11-4a of the

47 general statutes, concerning the status of the Connecticut Juvenile  
48 Training School. The report shall indicate the number of residents at  
49 the school, whether the number of residents has increased or decreased  
50 in the past calendar year, and whether plans are being considered to  
51 close the school or otherwise transfer residents to another facility. The  
52 report shall include details about such plan, if any."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	New section