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(As Amended)

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

1 Strike subsection (c) of section 1 in its entirety and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(c) (1) Not later than five days after receiving the plan, the clerks of  
4 the House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the plan to the  
5 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. The  
6 committee shall study the plan and complete a report on the plan. At a  
7 minimum, the report shall examine the details of the plan described in  
8 subsection (b) of this section and indicate whether the plan provides  
9 for the use of small regional residential facilities. The report shall also  
10 indicate whether the plan is consistent with the requirements of section  
11 501 of this act. Not later than thirty days after receiving the plan, the  
12 committee shall file the plan and the report with said clerks.

13 (2) Not later than five days after receiving the plan and report from  
14 the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee  
15 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, the clerks shall refer the  
16 plan and report to the joint standing committee of the General  
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services.  
18 Not later than thirty days after receiving the plan and report, the  
19 committee shall hold a joint public hearing on the plan and report with  
20 the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
21 matters relating to children. The committees shall seek input from  
22 other committees or members of the General Assembly. Not later than  
23 five days after the hearing, (A) the committees shall each hold a roll-  
24 call vote to approve or reject the plan, in whole, and (B) the joint  
25 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
26 matters relating to human services shall report the plan and report and  
27 a record of each committee's vote to the General Assembly."

28 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
29 internal references accordingly:

30 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2007*) (a) On and after the date  
31 residential placements at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School  
32 cease, such residential placements shall thereafter be made at a  
33 regional treatment and reintegration education center in accordance  
34 with this section.

35 (b) Not later than said date, the Commissioner of Children and  
36 Families shall establish no fewer than six regional treatment and  
37 reintegration education centers in this state for the placement of  
38 children who require secure placement or who would have otherwise  
39 been placed at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Each center  
40 shall be designed to (1) house no more than fifteen boys at one time, (2)  
41 place each child no more than forty-five miles from the child's place of  
42 residence, and (3) meet the goals of (A) public safety, (B) successful  
43 reentry to the community, (C) addressing the needs of the child in the  
44 least restrictive setting and reducing the need for secure beds, (D)  
45 tailoring services to the cultural, linguistic and societal needs of each

46 individual child, and (E) providing continuous case management.

47 (c) Each child in such placement shall be provided with access to  
48 programs focused on (1) job readiness and training, including, but not  
49 limited to, literacy and vocational training, (2) mentoring designed to  
50 match each child with positive adult role models, (3) substance abuse  
51 treatment, and (4) necessary mental health care. Such programs shall  
52 be designed to (A) emphasize youth development, and (B) address the  
53 unique needs and develop the unique strengths and abilities of  
54 individual children."