



Senate

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 33

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The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. SLOSSBERG of the 14th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the joint resolution ought to be adopted.

RESOLUTION CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S SUBSIDIZED GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM.

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, Connecticut's subsidized guardianship program
2 provides an important road to permanence for abused and neglected
3 children in state custody for whom adoption is not an appropriate
4 alternative; and

5 WHEREAS, more than two thousand children have found
6 permanent homes in Connecticut with loving and caring relatives
7 through subsidized guardianship instead of lingering in long-term
8 foster care; and

9 WHEREAS, Connecticut has provided the sole funding for this vital
10 program because the federal government has failed to include
11 subsidized guardianship as a reimbursable expense under its Title IV-
12 E of the Social Security Act foster care program; and

13 WHEREAS, the lack of federal funding for children who exit foster
14 care into subsidized guardianship makes the program more vulnerable
15 than the federally funded partnership that supports adoption
16 assistance and foster care programs; and

17 WHEREAS, allowing federal Title IV-E foster care funds to be used
18 for subsidized guardianship programs would help more children to
19 exit foster care into safe permanent homes with relatives and allow
20 other funds to be utilized more equitably among the full range of child
21 welfare services.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut
23 General Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to
24 make federal Title IV-E funds available to all states to establish or
25 expand subsidized guardianship programs as a permanency option for
26 abused and neglected children.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House of
28 Representatives and the Senate cause a copy of this resolution to be
29 sent to each member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.

KID *Joint Favorable C/R*

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GAE *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$
Legislative Management	GF - Cost	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

There will be a minimal cost for Legislative Management to mail copies of this resolution to each member of the Connecticut congressional delegation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Resolutions.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 10 Nay 0 (03/06/2007)

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/28/2007)