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AN ACT CONCERNING CLOSURE OF THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE TRAINING SCHOOL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL TREATMENT REINTEGRATION EDUCATION CENTERS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) On and after the date
2 residential placements at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School
3 cease, such residential placements shall thereafter be made at a
4 regional treatment and reintegration education center in accordance
5 with this section.

6 (b) Not later than said date, the Commissioner of Children and
7 Families shall establish four regional treatment and reintegration
8 education centers in this state for the placement of children who
9 require secure placement or who would have otherwise been placed at
10 the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Each center shall be
11 designed to (1) house no more than fifteen boys at one time, and (2)
12 meet the goals of (A) public safety, (B) successful reentry to the
13 community, (C) addressing the needs of the child in the least
14 restrictive setting and reducing the need for secure beds, (D) tailoring
15 services to the cultural, linguistic and societal needs of each individual
16 child, and (E) providing continuous case management.

17 (c) Each child in such placement shall be provided with access to
18 programs focused on (1) job readiness and training, including, but not

19 limited to, literacy and vocational training, (2) mentoring designed to
20 match each child with positive adult role models, (3) substance abuse
21 treatment, and (4) necessary mental health care. Such programs shall
22 be designed to (A) emphasize youth development, and (B) address the
23 unique needs and develop the unique strengths and abilities of
24 individual children.

25 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in
26 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have
27 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the
28 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in
29 the aggregate five million dollars.

30 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the
31 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the
32 Department of Children and Families for the purpose of establishing
33 four regional treatment reintegration education centers for boys upon
34 closure of the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.

35 (c) All provisions of section 3-20 of the general statutes, or the
36 exercise of any right or power granted thereby, which are not
37 inconsistent with the provisions of this section are hereby adopted and
38 shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State Bond Commission
39 pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in anticipation of the
40 money to be derived from the sale of any such bonds so authorized
41 may be issued in accordance with said section 3-20 and from time to
42 time renewed. Such bonds shall mature at such time or times not
43 exceeding twenty years from their respective dates as may be provided
44 in or pursuant to the resolution or resolutions of the State Bond
45 Commission authorizing such bonds. None of said bonds shall be
46 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that
47 there has been filed with it a request for such authorization which is
48 signed by or on behalf of the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
49 Management and states such terms and conditions as said commission,
50 in its discretion, may require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this
51 section shall be general obligations of the state and the full faith and

52 credit of the state of Connecticut are pledged for the payment of the
53 principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due, and
54 accordingly and as part of the contract of the state with the holders of
55 said bonds, appropriation of all amounts necessary for punctual
56 payment of such principal and interest is hereby made, and the State
57 Treasurer shall pay such principal and interest as the same become
58 due.

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>	New section

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Joint Favorable Subst. C/R

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