



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5576

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AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY SUPPORT CENTERS FOR CHILDREN OF FAMILIES WITH SERVICE NEEDS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) The Court Support
2 Services Division shall contract with private providers and private
3 nonprofit or municipally operated youth service bureaus with active
4 juvenile review boards to develop a network of family support centers
5 to serve families with service needs. The goal of the family support
6 center shall be to divert a child who is a member of a family with
7 service needs from court involvement by providing appropriate and
8 effective services for such child and his or her family. Each family
9 support center shall provide services or have access to services that
10 include, but are not limited to, screening and assessment, crisis
11 intervention, family mediation, educational assessments and advocacy,
12 mental health treatment and services including gender specific trauma
13 treatment and services, resiliency skills building, access to positive
14 social activities, short-term respite care and services available to
15 children in the juvenile justice system. The Court Support Services
16 Division shall conduct an independent evaluation of the family
17 support centers to measure the quality of the services delivered and
18 the outcomes for the children served by such centers. For purposes of
19 this section, "family support center" means a community-based service
20 center that provides multiple services for children and families who

21 have been referred to the superior court for juvenile matters as a
22 family with service needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

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