



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 902**

LCO No. 6341

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH WHO RUN AWAY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 46b-150f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) Any selectman, town manager, police officer or welfare  
4 department of any town, city or borough, any probation officer, any  
5 superintendent of schools, any child-caring institution or agency  
6 approved or licensed by the Commissioner of Children and Families,  
7 any youth service bureau, a parent, [or] guardian, foster parent or  
8 other custodian of a youth, or a representative of a youth, who believes  
9 that the acts or omissions of a youth are such that such youth is a  
10 youth in crisis may file a written complaint setting forth those facts  
11 with the Superior Court which has venue over the matter.

12 (b) A petition alleging that a youth is a youth in crisis shall be  
13 verified and filed with the Superior Court which has venue over the  
14 matter. The petition shall set forth plainly: (1) The facts which bring  
15 the youth within the jurisdiction of the court; (2) the name, date of  
16 birth, sex and residence of the youth; (3) the name and residence of the

17 parent or parents, guardian, foster parent, other custodian or other  
18 person having control of the youth; and (4) a prayer for appropriate  
19 action by the court in conformity with the provisions of this section.

20 (c) Upon determination that a youth is a youth in crisis in  
21 accordance with policies established by the Chief Court Administrator,  
22 the court may make and enforce orders, including, but not limited to,  
23 orders: (1) Directing the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to suspend  
24 the motor vehicle operator's license of the youth in crisis for a period of  
25 time, as directed by the court, but not to exceed one year; (2) requiring  
26 work or specified community service; (3) mandating that the youth in  
27 crisis attend an educational program in the local community approved  
28 by the court; (4) requiring mental health services; (5) referring the  
29 youth in crisis to a youth service bureau, provided one exists in the  
30 local community; and (6) reviewing the option of emancipation,  
31 pursuant to section 46b-150, of the youth in crisis or the parent, [or]  
32 guardian, foster parent or other custodian of such youth in crisis. Upon  
33 determination that a youth is a youth in crisis because the youth has  
34 without just cause run away from the parental home or other properly  
35 authorized and lawful place of abode, the court may order the youth in  
36 crisis to be subject to the control of the youth's parent or parents,  
37 guardian, foster parent or other custodian, except as required under  
38 any other provision of law, for a period of time, as directed by the  
39 court, but not beyond the date the youth attains the age of eighteen. A  
40 youth in crisis found to be in violation of any order under this section  
41 shall not be considered to be delinquent and shall not be punished by  
42 the court by incarceration in any state-operated detention facility or  
43 correctional facility.

44 (d) The Judicial Department may use any funds appropriated for  
45 purposes of this chapter for costs incurred by the department or the  
46 court pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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Section 1	October 1, 2007	46b-150f
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow a court to order a youth who has run away from the parental home who is determined to be a youth in crisis to return to the control of the parents, guardian, foster parent or other custodian of the youth.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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