



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 902

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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 Section 46b-150f of the general statutes is repealed and the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, prior to July 1,
 36 2009, order the youth in crisis to be subject to the control of the youth's
 37 parent or parents, guardian, foster parent or other custodian, except as
 38 required under any other provision of law, for a period of time, as
 39 directed by the court, but not beyond the date the youth attains the age
 40 of eighteen. A youth in crisis found to be in violation of any order
 41 under this section shall not be considered to be delinquent and shall
 42 not be punished by the court by incarceration in any state-operated
 43 detention facility or 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:		
Section 1	October 1, 2007	46b-150f

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.*