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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
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**AN ACT CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF SIBLINGS OF CHILDREN BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-114 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 (a) As used in this section, "licensed" means a person holds a license
4 issued by the Department of Children and Families to provide foster
5 care, including foster care of a specific child, and "special study foster
6 parent" means a person who is twenty-one years of age or older and
7 who does not hold a license issued by the Department of Children and
8 Families to provide foster care.

9 (b) (1) No child in the custody of the Commissioner of Children and
10 Families shall be placed with any person, unless such person is
11 licensed for that purpose by the department or the Department of
12 Mental Retardation pursuant to the provisions of section 17a-227, or
13 such person's home is approved by a child placing agency licensed by
14 the commissioner pursuant to section 17a-149. Any person licensed by
15 the department may be a prospective adoptive parent. The

16 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the
17 provisions of chapter 54, to establish the licensing procedures and
18 standards.

19 (2) The commissioner shall require each applicant for licensure
20 pursuant to this section and any person sixteen years of age or older
21 living in the household of such applicant to submit to state and
22 national criminal history records checks prior to issuing a license to
23 such applicant to accept placement of a child. Such criminal history
24 records checks shall be conducted in accordance with section 29-17a.
25 The commissioner shall also check the state child abuse registry
26 established pursuant to section 17a-101k for the name of such
27 applicant and for the name of any person sixteen years of age or older
28 living in the household of such applicant.

29 (c) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (b) of this
30 section, the commissioner may place a child with a relative who is not
31 licensed, a nonrelative, if such child's sibling who is related to the
32 caregiver is also placed with such caregiver or, if the child is [fourteen]
33 ten years of age or older, with a special study foster parent for a period
34 of up to ninety days when such placement is in the best interests of the
35 child, provided a satisfactory home visit is conducted, a basic
36 assessment of the family is completed and such relative, nonrelative or
37 special study foster parent attests that such relative, nonrelative or
38 special study foster parent and any adult living within the household
39 has not been convicted of a crime or arrested for a felony against a
40 person, for injury or risk of injury to or impairing the morals of a child,
41 or for the possession, use or sale of a controlled substance. Any such
42 relative, nonrelative or special study foster parent who accepts
43 placement of a child in excess of such ninety-day period shall be
44 subject to licensure by the commissioner, except that any such relative
45 who, prior to July 1, 2001, had been certified by the commissioner to
46 provide care for a related child may continue to maintain such
47 certification if such relative continues to meet the regulatory
48 requirements and the child remains in such relative's care. The

49 commissioner may grant a waiver from such procedure or standard,
50 except any safety standard, for a child placed with a relative, on a case-
51 by-case basis, from such procedure or standard, except any safety
52 standard, based on the home of the relative and the needs and best
53 interests of such child. The reason for any waiver granted shall be
54 documented in writing. The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in
55 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish certification
56 procedures and standards for a [caretaker who is a relative of such
57 child] caregiver under this section. For purposes of this subsection,
58 "sibling" includes a stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother or half-sister.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	17a-114

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Joint Favorable C/R

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