



General Assembly

Amendment

January Session, 2007

LCO No. 8230

SB0057008230HDO

Offered by:
REP. HAMM, 34th Dist.

To: Subst. Senate Bill No. 570

File No. 799

Cal. No. 401

**"AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF
CONSTRUCTION OR CLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES."**

1 Strike lines 16 to 28, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(c) (1) Not later than five days after receiving the plan, the clerks of
4 the House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the plan to the
5 Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. The
6 committee shall study the plan and complete a report on the details of
7 the plan described in subsection (b) of this section and indicate
8 whether the plan provides for the use of small regional residential
9 facilities. The report shall also indicate whether the plan is consistent
10 with the requirements of section 501 of this act. Not later than thirty
11 days after receiving the plan, the committee shall file the plan and the
12 report with said clerks.

13 (2) Not later than five days after receiving the plan and report from

14 the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, the
15 clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the
16 plan and report to the joint standing committees of the General
17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary,
18 appropriations and human services. Not later than thirty days after
19 receiving the plan, the committees shall hold a joint public hearing on
20 the plan and report. The committees shall seek input from other
21 committees or members of the General Assembly. Not later than five
22 days after the hearing, (A) the committees shall each hold a roll-call
23 vote to approve or reject the plan, in whole, and (B) report the plan
24 and report, and a record of each committee's vote, to the General
25 Assembly."

26 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
27 internal references accordingly:

28 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2008*) (a) On and after the date
29 residential placements at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School
30 cease, such residential placements shall thereafter be made at a
31 regional treatment and reintegration education center in accordance
32 with this section.

33 (b) Not later than said date, the Commissioner of Children and
34 Families shall establish no fewer than six regional treatment and
35 reintegration education centers in this state for the placement of
36 children who require secure placement or who would have otherwise
37 been placed at the Connecticut Juvenile Training School. Each center
38 shall be designed to (1) house no more than fifteen boys at one time, (2)
39 place each child no more than forty-five miles from the child's place of
40 residence, and (3) meet the goals of (A) public safety, (B) successful
41 reentry to the community, (C) addressing the needs of the child in the
42 least restrictive setting and reducing the need for secure beds, (D)
43 tailoring services to the cultural, linguistic and societal needs of each
44 individual child, and (E) providing continuous case management.

45 (c) Each child in such placement shall be provided with access to

46 programs focused on (1) job readiness and training, including, but not
47 limited to, literacy and vocational training, (2) mentoring designed to
48 match each child with positive adult role models, (3) substance abuse
49 treatment, and (4) necessary mental health care. Such programs shall
50 be designed to (A) emphasize youth development, and (B) address the
51 unique needs and develop the unique strengths and abilities of
52 individual children."