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Amendment

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"AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF A SECURE FACILITY FOR FEMALE JUVENILES."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a Child and
4 Youth Emergency Overstays Advisory Board. The Child and Youth
5 Emergency Overstays Advisory Board shall: (1) Examine the extent
6 and frequency of, and reasons for extended emergency placements for,
7 children and youth in the care and custody of the Department of
8 Children and Families; (2) examine the adolescent foster care
9 recruitment and retention efforts of the Department of Children and
10 Families; (3) identify therapeutic placement alternatives for such
11 children and youth; and (4) submit a report pursuant to subsection (f)
12 of this section that includes, but is not limited to, recommendations
13 and strategies for the reduction of extended emergency placements by
14 the Department of Children and Families. For purposes of this
15 subsection, "extended emergency placement" means an emergency

16 placement of any child or youth committed to, or voluntarily placed in
17 the care and custody of the Department of Children and Families at a
18 shelter, emergency foster home or short-term assessment and respite
19 home for a period of time that exceeds forty-five days.

20 (b) The Child and Youth Emergency Overstays Advisory Board
21 shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives
23 who shall be a representative of a nonprofit child advocacy group;

24 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate who
25 shall be a representative of a nonprofit child advocacy group;

26 (3) Three appointed by the Commissioner of Children and Families,
27 one of whom shall be an individual employed by or on behalf of the
28 Department of Children and Families who provides services to
29 adolescents and one of whom shall be an individual employed by or
30 on behalf of the department who specializes in foster care recruitment
31 and retention;

32 (4) The Chief Court Administrator or the Chief Court
33 Administrator's designee;

34 (5) One appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court who
35 shall be a judge of the Superior Court assigned to hear juvenile
36 matters;

37 (6) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;

38 (7) The Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or the
39 secretary's designee; and

40 (8) The chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing
41 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
42 relating to human services, and the chairpersons and ranking members
43 of the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
44 matters relating to children.

45 (c) All appointments to the Child and Youth Emergency Overstays
 46 Advisory Board shall be made not later than thirty days after the
 47 effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be filled by the
 48 appointing authority.

49 (d) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president
 50 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the Child and
 51 Youth Emergency Overstays Advisory Board from among the
 52 members of the board. Such chairpersons shall schedule the first
 53 meeting of the board, which shall be held not later than sixty days after
 54 the effective date of this section.

55 (e) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General
 56 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children shall serve
 57 as administrative staff of the board.

58 (f) Not later than February 8, 2008, the Child and Youth Emergency
 59 Overstays Advisory Board shall submit a report on its findings and
 60 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
 61 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
 62 the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 63 matters relating to children, in accordance with the provisions of
 64 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The Child and Youth Emergency
 65 Overstays Advisory Board shall terminate on June 30, 2008."

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