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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY FOR CHILDREN.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2008*) (a) Any child or youth in the  
2 custody, care or supervision of the Commissioner of Children and  
3 Families due to abuse, neglect or having been found dependent or  
4 uncared for shall have his or her case reviewed by the court with  
5 jurisdiction over the matter at least every three months.

6 (b) Any child or youth in the custody, care or supervision of the  
7 Commissioner of Children and Families due to abuse, neglect or  
8 having been found dependent or uncared for shall have his or her case  
9 reviewed by the court with jurisdiction over the matter within fifteen  
10 calendar days of the occurrence of any of the following events  
11 concerning the child or youth: (1) Transfer from more than two  
12 nonemergency placements within a period of six months; (2) overstay  
13 of an emergency or temporary placement, including placement in a  
14 safe home, shelter or short-term assessment and respite home, by more  
15 than thirty days; (3) transfer to an out-of-state placement; (4) any  
16 placement change that results in a change of schools; (5) any referral  
17 for an expulsion hearing from school; (6) any arrest or any placement

18 in the Connecticut Juvenile Training School, juvenile detention,  
19 Manson Youth Institution or York Correctional Institution; (7) failure  
20 to place child or youth for adoption within six months of termination  
21 of parental rights; (8) failure to place child or youth in a permanent  
22 family arrangement within eighteen months of being placed in the  
23 custody of the commissioner; and (9) sixteenth birthday of the youth.

24 (c) Hearings required under subsection (b) of this section shall be in  
25 addition to any other regularly scheduled judicial reviews or hearings.  
26 The Department of Children and Families or the representative of the  
27 child or youth shall inform the court no later than three calendar days  
28 after learning of the existence of one of the events specified in  
29 subsection (b) of this section.

30 (d) At least five calendar days before any hearing required by  
31 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, the Department of Children and  
32 Families shall prepare and file with the court and the representative of  
33 the child or youth a report detailing the history and current status of  
34 the child or youth. The report shall include: (1) Current and previous  
35 placements; (2) educational progress of the child or youth, including  
36 (A) the number of school transfers, including a determination of  
37 whether remaining in the previous school after a change in placement  
38 is in the child or youth's best interest, (B) attendance records, (C)  
39 grades, (D) disciplinary records, (E) progress towards fulfilling course  
40 requirements for advancement to the grade level associated with his or  
41 her age, (F) determination of need, if any, for special education  
42 services, (G) implementation of any existing individualized education  
43 plan for the child or youth, (H) for youths fourteen years of age or  
44 older, progress toward fulfilling course requirements for graduation  
45 from high school and admission to an institution of higher education,  
46 (I) for youths sixteen years of age or older, the plan for taking and  
47 paying for standard college entrance examinations, (J) for youths  
48 sixteen years of age or older, whether the youth has been advised  
49 individually, in person and in writing, of the funding available from  
50 the Department of Children and Families for the payment of college

51 tuition and expenses, as well as resources available for the payment of  
52 college application fees, (K) for youths sixteen years of age or older,  
53 whether the guidance counselor or other official at the youth's school  
54 has been informed of the Department of Children and Families' policy  
55 regarding payment of college tuition and expenses, and (L)  
56 extracurricular activities; (3) physical well-being, including most recent  
57 medical, psychological and dental examinations; (4) visitation plan  
58 with siblings and relatives, including biological parents; (5) the precise  
59 permanency plan for the child or youth, the status of the factors on  
60 which said plan depends, an estimate of its success, and the  
61 contingency plan in the event the plan is not successful, including the  
62 timeline for determining when the contingency plan should go into  
63 effect; (6) the child or youth's juvenile delinquency record, if any; and  
64 (7) for all youth sixteen years of age or older, a detailed plan for  
65 preparing such youth to transfer from the custody of the  
66 commissioner, including a provision of training and supports  
67 regarding the following: (A) Establishing and supporting life-long  
68 family connections with adults who are significant to such youth, (B)  
69 housing, (C) health care, (D) credit and financial services, (E)  
70 employment, (F) education, including college, (G) emotional and social  
71 supports, and (H) appropriateness of remaining in the commissioner's  
72 care until age twenty-one. If the plan for transferring out of the  
73 custody of the commissioner has been submitted to the court in  
74 advance of a hearing, the Department of Children and Families shall  
75 only file brief updates regarding the implementation of the plan for  
76 subsequent hearings.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2008	New section

**Statement of Purpose:**

To provide regularly scheduled hearings for any child or youth committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Children and Families.

*[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.]*