



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 444**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5915

*House of Representatives, April 2, 2009*

The Committee on Human Services reported through REP. WALKER of the 93rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING "STUCK KIDS".***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) On or before February 1,  
2 2010, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Children and  
3 Families shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of  
4 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of  
5 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human  
6 services and the select committee of the General Assembly having  
7 cognizance of matters relating to children. The report shall include the  
8 following information, for the preceding calendar year, for children  
9 and youth in the custody of the Department of Children and Families:  
10 (1) The number and age of such children and youth who are living in a  
11 psychiatric hospital or out-of-state residential treatment center, the  
12 average length of stay for such children and youth, the number of  
13 children and youth who have overstayed their estimated placement  
14 time in such placements and an analysis of the reasons for the  
15 placements out of state and overstays; (2) the number and age of such



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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

It is anticipated that the Department of Children and Families will be able to accommodate the review and reporting mandates in the bill within its normally budgeted resources.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

*Sources: 2/19/09 Public Hearing Testimony.*

**OLR Bill Analysis**

**sHB 5915**

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**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to review annually the cases of all children and youth in DCF care during the previous calendar year and report the number and age of those:

1. living in a psychiatric hospital or out-of-state treatment center, their average length of stay, the number who have overstayed their estimated placement time, and an analysis of the reasons for the out-of-state placements and overstay;
2. who have run away or are homeless, the number of days each has been a runaway or homeless, and an analysis of the trends relating to runaways and homelessness;
3. who have a permanency plan of another planned permanency living arrangement and an analysis of the trends relating to permanency plans; and
4. who have refused DCF services and an analysis of the trends relating to participation in services.

The first report is due by February 1, 2010 and must be sent to Children's and Human Services committees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 11    Nay 0    (03/03/2009)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 19    Nay 0    (03/19/2009)