



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 336**

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House Bill No. 6523

*House of Representatives, March 30, 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 bill ought to pass.

## ***AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING OF ADOLESCENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-145 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 No person or entity shall care for or board a child without a license  
4 obtained from the Commissioner of Children and Families, except: (1)  
5 When a child has been placed by a person or entity holding a license  
6 from the commissioner; (2) any residential educational institution  
7 exempted by the state Board of Education under the provisions of  
8 section 17a-152; (3) residential facilities licensed by the Department of  
9 Developmental Services pursuant to section 17a-227; (4) facilities  
10 providing child day care services, as defined in section 19a-77; [or] (5)  
11 any home that houses students participating in a program described in  
12 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (8) of section 10a-29; or (6) any  
13 residential substance abuse treatment facility that is licensed by the  
14 Department of Public Health pursuant to section 19a-491. The person

15 or entity seeking a child-care facility license shall file with the  
 16 commissioner an application for a license, in such form as the  
 17 commissioner furnishes, stating the location where it is proposed to  
 18 care for such child, the number of children to be cared for, in the case  
 19 of a corporation, the purpose of the corporation and the names of its  
 20 chief officers and of the actual person responsible for the child. The  
 21 Commissioner of Children and Families is authorized to fix the  
 22 maximum number of children to be boarded and cared for in any such  
 23 home or institution or by any person or entity licensed by the  
 24 commissioner. Each person or entity holding a license under the  
 25 provisions of this section shall file annually, with the commissioner, a  
 26 report stating the number of children received and removed during  
 27 the year, the number of deaths and the causes of death, the average  
 28 cost of support per capita and such other data as the commissioner  
 29 may prescribe. If the population served at any facility, institution or  
 30 home operated by any person or entity licensed under this section  
 31 changes after such license is issued, such person or entity shall file a  
 32 new license application with the commissioner, and the commissioner  
 33 shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the  
 34 facility is located of such new license application, except that no  
 35 confidential client information may be disclosed.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2009	17a-145

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 10 \$	FY 11 \$
Children & Families, Dept.	GF - Savings	Minimal	Minimal

Note: GF=General Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

Staff of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) dedicate approximately 250 hours (0.1 full-time equivalent position) annually to licensure activities associated with four residential substance abuse treatment facilities that are dually licensed by both the DCF and the Department of Public Health. It is anticipated that these resources will be redeployed to enhance other ongoing agency regulatory responsibilities, given enactment of this bill. Minimal savings in other expenses would be expected (e.g., mileage, postage).

As fees are not charged for DCF licensure, no revenue impact will result.

**The Out Years**

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

*Sources: 3/3/09 Public Hearing Testimony; Department of Children and Families.*

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACILITIES.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill eliminates a requirement that a residential substance abuse treatment facility that cares for or boards children obtain a Department of Children and Families license when that facility is already licensed by the Department of Public Health.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2009

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2009)