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Proposed Bill No. 5230

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT CONCERNING A PILOT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOUSING
AND SERVICES FOR TRANSITIONING YOUNG ADULTS.**

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

1 That the general statutes be amended to require the Department of
2 Children and Families and the Department of Mental Health and
3 Addiction Services to develop and implement a pilot program, not
4 later than January 1, 2010, to provide age-appropriate housing and
5 services to youth and young adults to transition between the agencies
6 without the currently mandated changes in their housing or services. It
7 is further proposed that the general statutes be amended to require the
8 agencies to submit a report not later than October 1, 2009, to the joint
9 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
10 appropriations that outlines plans for the pilot program that includes
11 information concerning: (1) Services provided by an interagency team;
12 (2) identification of young adults who will transition to the
13 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and who require
14 intensive intervention for successful community living; (3) access to
15 interdisciplinary services which address the individual's

16 developmental and behavioral health needs; (4) continuity of staff
17 support and services to promote trusting relationships; and (5)
18 monitoring of the pilot program by the joint standing committees of
19 the General Assembly having cognizance of appropriations, human
20 services and public health.

Statement of Purpose:

To provide age-appropriate housing and services to youth and young adults that allow them to transition between the Department of Children and Families and the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services without the currently mandated changes in their housing or services.