



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6149**

LCO No. 1795

Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:

REP. WALKER, 93rd Dist.

SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS OF FINDINGS  
OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

- 1 That section 17a-101k of the general statutes be amended to: (1)
- 2 Require that the Department of Children and Families, after receiving
- 3 a request for appeal, always hold a comprehensive administrative
- 4 hearing during which all evidence associated with the case is reviewed
- 5 prior to filing a petition in court; and (2) impose a penalty on any state
- 6 employee or agent who fails to hold or properly conduct such a
- 7 hearing.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require administrative appeal hearings in child abuse and neglect cases prior to the Department of Children and Families proceeding to court and to impose penalties if such hearings are not held.