



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 6172

LCO No. 92

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
REP. GONZALEZ, 3rd Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF A CHILD FROM A
PARENT OR GUARDIAN 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-101g of the general statutes be amended to require
2 the Department of Children and Families to provide twenty-four hours
3 advanced notice to a parent or guardian prior to removing a child from
4 the care and custody of such parent or guardian and subsequently
5 placing the child in the care and custody of the department and that a
6 child who is removed from the care and custody of a parent or
7 guardian shall be returned to such parent or guardian within ninety-
8 six hours unless a court within such time period finds that the child
9 would be in imminent risk of physical harm if returned to such parent
10 or guardian.

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Children and Families to provide timely
notification to a parent or guardian prior to removing a child from the
care and custody of such parent or guardian and to timely return such

child unless a court determines that such child would be in imminent risk of physical harm if returned to such parent or guardian.