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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN REPORTS  
AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-37 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall establish a  
4 school district within the Department of Children and Families, for the  
5 education or assistance of any child or youth who resides in or receives  
6 day treatment at any state-operated institution or facility within that  
7 department and whose needs require that his education be provided  
8 within the institution in which he resides or at which he receives day  
9 treatment. The school district shall be known as State of Connecticut-  
10 Unified School District #2. The Commissioner of Children and  
11 Families shall administer, coordinate and control the operations of the  
12 school district and shall be responsible for the overall supervision and  
13 direction of all courses and activities of the school district and shall  
14 establish such vocational and academic education, research and  
15 statistics, training and development services and programs as he

16 considers necessary or advisable in the best interests of the persons  
17 benefiting therefrom. The commissioner or his designee shall be the  
18 superintendent of said district and shall act in accordance with the  
19 applicable provisions of section 10-157.

20 (b) The superintendent of the school district shall have the power to  
21 (1) establish and maintain within the Department of Children and  
22 Families such schools of different grades as he may from time to time  
23 require and deem necessary; (2) establish and maintain within the  
24 department such school libraries as may from time to time be required  
25 in connection with the educational courses, services and programs  
26 authorized by this section; (3) purchase, receive, hold and convey  
27 personal property for school purposes and equip and supply such  
28 schools with necessary furniture and other appendages; (4) make  
29 agreements and regulations for the establishing and conducting of the  
30 district's schools and employ and dismiss, in accordance with the  
31 applicable provisions of section 10-151, such teachers as are necessary  
32 to carry out the intent of this section and to pay their salaries; (5)  
33 receive any federal funds or aid made available to the state for such  
34 programs and shall be eligible for and may receive any other funds or  
35 aid whether private, state or otherwise, to be used for the purposes of  
36 this section.

37 (c) The superintendent of the school district may cooperate with the  
38 federal government in carrying out the purposes of any federal law  
39 pertaining to the education of students within his school district, and  
40 may adopt such methods of administration as are found by the federal  
41 government to be necessary, and may comply with such conditions as  
42 may be necessary to secure the full benefit of all such federal funds  
43 available.

44 [(d) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall annually  
45 evaluate the progress and accomplishments of the school district  
46 established in accordance with subsection (a) of this section. Said  
47 commissioner shall submit annual evaluation reports to the  
48 Commissioner of Education in order to apprise the State Board of

49 Education of the true condition, progress and needs of said school  
50 district. Said commissioner shall follow procedures adopted by the  
51 Commissioner of Education in preparation of annual evaluation  
52 reports.]

53 Sec. 2. Section 17a-22c of the general statutes is repealed and the  
54 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

55 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families and the  
56 Commissioner of Social Services shall establish performance measures  
57 in the areas of finance, administration, utilization, client satisfaction,  
58 quality and access for Connecticut Community KidCare.

59 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall develop and  
60 implement, within available appropriations, culturally appropriate  
61 and competency-based curricula including best practices for the care of  
62 children and youths with, or at risk of, behavioral health needs and  
63 offer training to all willing persons involved in Connecticut  
64 Community KidCare, including, but not limited to, employees in  
65 education and child care and appropriate employees within the  
66 judicial system.

67 [(c) The Commissioners of Children and Families and Social  
68 Services shall, within available appropriations, design and conduct a  
69 five-year independent longitudinal evaluation with evaluation goals  
70 and methods utilizing an independent evaluator. The evaluation shall  
71 assess changes in outcomes for individual children, youths and  
72 families, evaluate the effectiveness of the overall initiative in the early  
73 phases to guide future expansion of Connecticut Community KidCare  
74 and examine benefits, costs and cost avoidance achieved by it. Such  
75 evaluation may include, but is not limited to, the following: (1)  
76 Utilization of out-of-home placements; (2) adherence to system of care  
77 principles; (3) school attendance; (4) delinquency recidivism rates; (5)  
78 satisfaction of families and children and youths with Connecticut  
79 Community KidCare as assessed through client satisfaction surveys;  
80 (6) coordination of Connecticut Community KidCare with the juvenile

81 justice, child protection, adult behavioral health and education  
82 systems; and (7) the quality of transition services.]

83 Sec. 3. Section 17a-145 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
84 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

85 No person or entity shall care for or board a child without a license  
86 obtained from the Commissioner of Children and Families, except: (1)  
87 When a child has been placed by a person or entity holding a license  
88 from the commissioner; (2) any residential educational institution  
89 exempted by the state Board of Education under the provisions of  
90 section 17a-152; (3) residential facilities licensed by the Department of  
91 Developmental Services pursuant to section 17a-227; (4) facilities  
92 providing child day care services, as defined in section 19a-77; or (5)  
93 any home that houses students participating in a program described in  
94 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (8) of section 10a-29. The person or  
95 entity seeking a child-care facility license shall file with the  
96 commissioner an application for a license, in such form as the  
97 commissioner furnishes, stating the location where it is proposed to  
98 care for such child, the number of children to be cared for, in the case  
99 of a corporation, the purpose of the corporation and the names of its  
100 chief officers and of the actual person responsible for the child. The  
101 Commissioner of Children and Families is authorized to fix the  
102 maximum number of children to be boarded and cared for in any such  
103 home or institution or by any person or entity licensed by the  
104 commissioner. [Each person or entity holding a license under the  
105 provisions of this section shall file annually, with the commissioner, a  
106 report stating the number of children received and removed during  
107 the year, the number of deaths and the causes of death, the average  
108 cost of support per capita and such other data as the commissioner  
109 may prescribe.] If the population served at any facility, institution or  
110 home operated by any person or entity licensed under this section  
111 changes after such license is issued, such person or entity shall file a  
112 new license application with the commissioner, and the commissioner  
113 shall notify the chief executive officer of the municipality in which the

