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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO PLACE ABUSED
AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN IN THE CARE OF FAMILIES RATHER
THAN INSTITUTIONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2009*) (a) The Commissioner of Children
2 and Families, shall establish a pilot program, to (1) place children, who
3 are in the custody or care of the commissioner pursuant to an order of
4 temporary custody or an order of commitment, in a family setting with
5 qualified foster parents or relative caregivers rather than in an
6 institutional or congregate facility, such as a group home, hospital,
7 state institution, receiving home, custodial institution or other
8 residential treatment facility, and (2) transfer such children currently
9 living in such an institutional or congregate facility to a family setting.

10 (b) The commissioner shall select children for the pilot program to
11 maximize cost savings to the state but shall ensure that the placement
12 is in the child's best interest.

13 (c) Not later than October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall report, in
14 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint

15 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
16 matters relating to appropriations and the select committee of the
17 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
18 concerning the results of the pilot program. The report shall include:
19 (1) The number and ages of the children served in the pilot program;
20 (2) the dates each child participated in the pilot program; (3) for each
21 child transferred from an institutional or congregate facility to a family
22 setting, the period of time each child lived in such a facility; (4) the
23 estimated cost to the state for each child if the child had been placed,
24 or remained, in an institutional or congregate facility and a brief
25 explanation of the method for calculating the estimates; (5) the cost for
26 services associated with the placement of each child in a family setting;
27 and (6) for each child transferred from an institutional or congregate
28 facility to a family setting, a brief statement comparing the child's well-
29 being in the institutional or congregate facility with the child's well-
30 being in the family setting.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve outcomes for children in the custody of the Department of Children and Families and realize cost savings by creating a pilot program to move abused and neglected children from expensive institutional facilities to qualified foster families.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]