



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6415

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

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

14 (c) Not later than October 1, 2010, the commissioner shall report, in
15 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
16 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
17 matters relating to appropriations and the select committee of the

18 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children
19 concerning the results of the pilot program. The report shall include:
20 (1) The number and ages of the children served in the pilot program;
21 (2) the dates each child participated in the pilot program; (3) for each
22 child transferred from an institutional or congregate facility to a family
23 setting, the period of time each child lived in such a facility; (4) the
24 estimated cost to the state for each child if the child had been placed,
25 or remained, in an institutional or congregate facility and a brief
26 explanation of the method for calculating the estimates; (5) the cost for
27 services associated with the placement of each child in a family setting;
28 and (6) for each child transferred from an institutional or congregate
29 facility to a family setting, a brief statement comparing the child's well-
30 being in the institutional or congregate facility with the child's well-
31 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

APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*