



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 627

LCO No. 1326

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

AN ACT CONCERNING DOCUMENTATION OF REASONABLE EFFORTS MADE TO REUNIFY A PARENT WITH A CHILD AND TO LOCATE RELATIVES.

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

- 1 That title 17a of the general statutes be amended to require the
- 2 Commissioner of Children and Families, or his or her designee, to
- 3 provide written documentation, which shall be subscribed and sworn
- 4 to by said commissioner, of the reasonable efforts made to reunify a
- 5 parent with a child and to locate relative caregivers. It is further
- 6 proposed that the failure to document such reasonable efforts shall
- 7 give the parent or child the right to sue the state.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that all reasonable efforts are made to reunite parents with children and locate relatives for the benefit of children in the care or custody of the Department of Children and Families.