



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 631**

LCO No. 1323

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
SEN. HARP, 10th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING DOCUMENTING REASONABLE EFFORTS  
MADE BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

- 1 That chapter 319a of the general statutes be amended to provide
- 2 that the Commissioner of Children and Families, or his or her
- 3 designee, shall provide documentation, which shall be subscribed and
- 4 sworn to by said commissioner, of the reasonable efforts made to
- 5 achieve the following: (1) Keep the child with the parent prior to a
- 6 removal order; (2) reunify a parent with a child; (3) locate the parent;
- 7 (4) achieve the permanency plan; and (5) provide long-term foster care
- 8 placement.

**Statement of Purpose:**

To document the reasonable efforts made by the Commissioner of Children and Families to promote the best interests of the child.