



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 878**

January Session, 2009

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION ROLE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2010,  
2 the Department of Children and Families shall, within available  
3 appropriations, establish a differential response pilot program in two  
4 of the department's regional offices, one in an urban area and one in a  
5 rural area. For purposes of the pilot program, the department shall  
6 develop and use an assessment standard to determine which reports of  
7 abuse and neglect, pursuant to section 17a-101g of the general statutes,  
8 require a full investigation and which reports may be referred to  
9 community-based agencies for services. The standard shall take into  
10 account the nature of the report and the level of risk to the child. On or  
11 before January 1, 2011, the Commissioner of Children and Families  
12 shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, on  
13 the pilot program to the select committee of the General Assembly  
14 having cognizance of matters relating to children.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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**Joint Favorable Subst. C/R**

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