



**Substitute House Bill No. 5915**

**Public Act No. 09-96**

***AN ACT CONCERNING "STUCK KIDS".***

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

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2009*) On or before February 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. The report shall include the following information, for the preceding calendar year, for children and youth in the custody of the Department of Children and Families: (1) The number and age of such children and youth who are living in a psychiatric hospital or out-of-state residential treatment center, the average length of stay for such children and youth, the number of children and youth who have overstayed their estimated placement time in such placements and an analysis of the reasons for the placements out of state and overstays; (2) the number and age of such children and youth who are runaways or homeless, the number of days that each child or youth has been a runaway or homeless, and an analysis of the trends relating to runaways and homelessness; (3) the number and age of children and youth who have a permanency plan

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of another planned permanency living arrangement and an analysis of the trends relating to permanency plans; and (4) the number and age of children and youth who have refused services offered by the department and an analysis of the trends relating to participation in services. The commissioner shall conduct case and service reviews for each child in the groups described in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive, of this section.

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