



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5160**

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2010*) (a) The select committee  
2 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
3 children, in consultation with the Office of Fiscal Analysis, the Office  
4 of Legislative Research and the Commission on Children, shall  
5 maintain and review an annual report card that evaluates the progress  
6 of state policies and programs in promoting the result that Connecticut  
7 children grow up safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives. The  
8 first report card shall be prepared on or before January 15, 2011, and  
9 annually thereafter. Progress shall be measured by primary indicators  
10 of progress, established in the final report of the Legislative Program  
11 Review and Investigations Committee prepared pursuant to the  
12 provisions of section 1 of public act 09-166, that include, but are not  
13 limited to, state-wide rates of child abuse, child poverty, low birth  
14 weight, third grade reading proficiency, and the annual social health  
15 index developed under section 46a-131a of the general statutes. Each  
16 report card shall be made available to the public on the Internet and  
17 located on the web site of the General Assembly and shall be

18 transmitted electronically to (1) members of the joint standing  
19 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
20 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies and to  
21 human services, (2) the Commissioners of Children and Families,  
22 Education and Public Health, (3) the Child Advocate, (4) the Secretary  
23 of the Office of Policy and Management, and (5) the Chief Court  
24 Administrator.

25 (b) On or before January 15, 2011, the select committee of the  
26 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children, in  
27 consultation with a working group of representatives of state agencies  
28 and departments, community organizations, private provider agencies  
29 operating programs that impact the well-being of children and  
30 families, parents and other caretakers of children, child advocacy  
31 organizations, health care professionals that serve children and  
32 families, schools, and child care providers, shall identify or develop  
33 (1) an indicator for measuring whether children are living with their  
34 families and have stability in their living environments, (2) secondary  
35 indicators for measuring progress within each area of children's well-  
36 being related to measuring progress in their health, safety, stability  
37 and future success, and (3) key measures of performance of the state  
38 child welfare system, including, but not limited to, rates of repeat  
39 maltreatment among victims of child abuse and neglect, placement in  
40 out-of-home care among children at risk of abuse and neglect, and  
41 child fatalities involving child abuse or neglect. At least annually, the  
42 committee, with the assistance of the working group, shall review the  
43 adequacy of primary and secondary indicators, system-level  
44 performance measures, and related data resources for these indicators  
45 and measures, and determine whether there are more appropriate  
46 alternatives to monitoring progress in achieving the result that  
47 children grow up safe, healthy and ready to lead successful lives.

<p>This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:</p>
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2010</i>	New section
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To implement a recommendation of the Legislative Program and Investigations Committee concerning the application of results-based accountability principles to selected human services programs.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*