



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5430

LCO No. 1878

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH FROM OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES TO THERAPEUTIC GROUP HOMES IN THE STATE.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-151aa of the general statutes is amended by
2 adding subsection (c) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (c) Not later than January 1, 2011, the Commissioner of
4 Children and Families, in consultation with private providers of
5 services in therapeutic group homes and the Commissioners of Mental
6 Health and Addiction Services, Developmental Services and Public
7 Health, shall submit a plan, in accordance with the provisions of
8 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General
9 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,
10 public health and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
11 concerning children and youth in the custody of the Commissioner of
12 Children and Families who are residing in residential facilities in other
13 states. The plan shall include, but not be limited, to (1) a detailed
14 description of the process to transfer such children and youth to
15 therapeutic group homes in the state and (2) a timeline to complete the

16 transfer of such children and youth. For purposes of this subsection,
17 "therapeutic group home" means a residential facility licensed by the
18 Department of Children and Families or the Department of
19 Developmental Services that serves less than fifteen children and
20 youth with behavioral health and other healthcare or social needs who
21 require clinical and other support services to transition to a family
22 setting or independent living.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-151aa

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Commissioner of Children and Families to develop a plan to transfer children and youth residing in out-of-state residential facilities to therapeutic group homes in the state.

[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.]