



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 296

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AN ACT CONCERNING VISITATION BETWEEN A PARENT AND A CHILD IN CASES INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-10a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall ensure that a
4 child placed in the care and custody of the commissioner pursuant to
5 an order of temporary custody or an order of commitment is provided
6 visitation with such child's parents and siblings, unless otherwise
7 ordered by the court.

8 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that such child's visits with his or
9 her parents shall occur as frequently as reasonably possible, based
10 upon consideration of the best interests of the child, including the age
11 and developmental level of the child, and shall be sufficient in number
12 and duration to ensure continuation of the relationship.

13 (c) If such child has an existing relationship with a sibling and is
14 separated from such sibling as a result of intervention by the
15 commissioner including, but not limited to, placement in a foster home
16 or in the home of a relative, the commissioner shall, based upon
17 consideration of the best interests of the child, ensure that such child

