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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS)

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IDENTIFY FOSTER CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOL IN EACH DISTRICT.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-16a of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (c) (1) If it is determined that it is in a child's best interests to remain  
5 in his or her school of origin, the department and the board of  
6 education for such school of origin shall collaborate on a  
7 transportation plan for such child from the town in which the child is  
8 placed to such school of origin. The department shall be responsible  
9 for any additional or extraordinary cost of such transportation beyond  
10 that to which the child would otherwise have access. The department  
11 shall maximize federal reimbursements under Title IV-E of the Social  
12 Security Act, as amended, for costs of transporting Title IV-E eligible  
13 children. The department and the board of education for the school of  
14 origin shall consider cost-effective, reliable and safe transportation  
15 options.

16 (2) If it is not in the best interests of the child to attend the school of  
17 origin, the department shall work with the board of education for such  
18 school of origin and the receiving school to ensure immediate and  
19 appropriate enrollment and attendance of the child in the receiving  
20 school in accordance with the provisions of subsection (e) of section 10-  
21 76d and section 10-253. The educational records of the child shall be  
22 provided by the school of origin to the receiving school, in accordance  
23 with the federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing  
24 Adoptions Act of 2008, Public Law 110-351. Upon notification by the  
25 department of a decision to change a child's school placement and  
26 notwithstanding section 10-220h, the school of origin shall transmit to  
27 the receiving school, not later than one business day after receipt of  
28 such notification, all essential educational records for the child,  
29 including, but not limited to, the child's individualized education plan  
30 and behavioral intervention plan, if any, and all documents necessary  
31 for the receiving school to determine appropriate class placement and  
32 to provide educational services. The school of origin shall transfer  
33 nonessential records to the receiving school in accordance with section  
34 10-220h.

35 (3) Upon request of the local or regional board of education for a  
36 receiving school, the department shall provide the name, date of birth  
37 and school of origin for each child in the custody of the department  
38 who has been placed in foster care and is attending a receiving school  
39 located in the school district under the jurisdiction of such board.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	17a-16a(c)

**HS**

**Joint Favorable C/R**

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