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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 from passage*) On or before January 15,
2 2012, and annually thereafter from January 15, 2013, to January 15,
3 2017, inclusive, the Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in
4 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
5 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
6 matters relating to human services and appropriations on the ongoing
7 implementation of the Healthy Start program and the program's
8 outcomes using a results-based accountability framework.

9 Sec. 2. Section 17b-751b of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

11 (a) The Children's Trust Fund Council shall establish the structure
12 for a state-wide system for a Nurturing Families Network, which
13 demonstrates the benefits of preventive services by significantly
14 reducing the abuse and neglect of infants and by enhancing parent-
15 child relationships through hospital-based assessment with home
16 outreach follow-up on infants and their families within families

17 identified as high risk.

18 (b) The Children's Trust Fund Council shall: (1) Develop the
19 comprehensive risk assessment to be used by the Nurturing Families
20 Network's providers; (2) develop the training program, standards, and
21 protocols for the pilot programs; and (3) develop, issue and evaluate
22 requests for proposals to procure the services required by this section.
23 In evaluating the proposals, the Children's Trust Fund Council shall
24 take into consideration the most effective and consistent service
25 delivery system allowing for the continuation of current public and
26 private programs.

27 (c) The Children's Trust Fund Council shall establish a data system
28 to enable the programs to document the following information in a
29 standard manner: (1) The level of screening and assessment; (2)
30 profiles of risk and family demographics; (3) the incidence of child
31 abuse and neglect; (4) rates of child development; and (5) any other
32 information the Children's Trust Fund Council deems appropriate.

33 (d) The Children's Trust Fund Council shall report to the General
34 Assembly, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the
35 establishment, implementation and progress of the Nurturing Families
36 Network, using a results-based accountability framework, on January
37 first and July first, of each year.

38 Sec. 3. Section 19a-59g of the general statutes is repealed and the
39 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

40 (a) The Department of Public Health, within available
41 appropriations and in consultation with the Departments of Social
42 Services and Education, shall seek to reduce the incidence of low birth
43 weight among infants and reduce the cost to the state from
44 unnecessary hospitalizations of such infants by (1) maximizing
45 coenrollment in the federal Special Supplemental Food Program for
46 Women, Infants and Children and Medicaid for all eligible women; (2)
47 encouraging tobacco cessation programs targeted to pregnant women;

48 and (3) promoting the use of the centering pregnancy model of
49 prenatal care. The department may recover the costs of implementing
50 the provisions of this section through funds available from the Tobacco
51 and Health Trust Fund established under section 4-28f and the federal
52 Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Emergency Fund.

53 (b) On or before January 15, 2012, and annually thereafter from
54 January 15, 2013, to January 15, 2017, inclusive, the Commissioner of
55 Public Health shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint
56 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
57 matters relating to human services and appropriations on the
58 programs established under subsection (a) of this section and the
59 programs' outcomes using a results-based accountability framework.

60 Sec. 4. Section 31-3k of the general statutes is repealed and the
61 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

62 (a) There is established within the Labor Department a regional
63 work force development board for each work force development
64 region in the state. Each board shall assess the needs and priorities for
65 investing in the development of human resources within the region
66 and shall coordinate a broad range of employment, education, training
67 and related services that shall be focused on client-centered, lifelong
68 learning and shall be responsive to the needs of local business,
69 industry, the region, its municipalities and its citizens.

70 (b) Each board, within its region, shall:

71 (1) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of a private industry
72 council under the Job Training Partnership Act, provided the private
73 industry council within the region elects by a vote of its members to
74 become a board and the Labor Commissioner approves the council as a
75 regional work force development board.

76 (2) Within existing resources and consistent with the state
77 employment and training information system and any guidelines

78 issued by the commissioner under subsection (b) of section 31-2, and
79 with the annual plan developed by the commission under section 31-
80 3h and approved by the Governor, (A) assess regional needs and
81 identify regional priorities for employment and training programs,
82 including, but not limited to, an assessment of the special employment
83 needs of unskilled and low-skilled unemployed persons, including
84 persons receiving state-administered general assistance or short-term
85 unemployment assistance, (B) conduct planning for regional
86 employment and training programs, (C) coordinate such programs to
87 ensure that the programs respond to the needs of labor, business and
88 industry, municipalities within the region, the region as a whole, and
89 all of its citizens, (D) serve as a clearinghouse for information on all
90 employment and training programs in the region, (E) prepare and
91 submit an annual plan containing the board's priorities and goals for
92 regional employment and training programs to the commissioner and
93 the commission for their review and approval, (F) review grant
94 proposals and plans submitted to state agencies for employment and
95 training programs that directly affect the region to determine whether
96 such proposals and plans are consistent with the annual regional plan
97 prepared under subparagraph (E) of this subdivision and inform the
98 commission and each state agency concerned of the results of the
99 review, (G) evaluate the effectiveness of employment and training
100 programs within the region in meeting the goals contained in the
101 annual regional plan prepared under subparagraph (E) of this
102 subdivision and report its findings to the commissioner and the
103 commission on an annual basis, (H) ensure the effective use of
104 available employment and training resources in the region, and (I)
105 allocate funds where applicable for program operations in the region.

106 (3) Provide information to the commissioner concerning (A) all
107 employment and training programs, grants or funds to be effective or
108 available in the region in the following program year, (B) the source
109 and purpose of such programs, grants or funds, (C) the projected
110 amount of such programs, grants or funds, (D) persons, organizations
111 and institutions eligible to participate in such programs or receive such

112 grants or funds, (E) characteristics of clients eligible to receive services
113 pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (F) the range of services
114 available pursuant to such programs, grants or funds, (G) goals of such
115 programs, grants or funds, (H) where applicable, schedules for
116 submitting requests for proposals, planning instructions, proposals
117 and plans, in connection with such programs, grants or funds, (I) the
118 program period for such programs, grants or funds, and (J) any other
119 data relating to such programs, grants or funds that the commissioner
120 or the commission deems essential for effective state planning.

121 (4) Carry out the duties and responsibilities of the local board for
122 purposes of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998, P.L. 105-
123 220, as from time to time amended.

124 (5) Establish a worker training education committee comprised of
125 persons from the education and business communities within the
126 region, including, but not limited to, regional community-technical
127 colleges and regional vocational-technical schools.

128 (c) Each board shall make use of grants or contracts with
129 appropriate service providers to furnish all program services under
130 sections 31-3j to 31-3r, inclusive, unless the commission concurs with
131 the board that direct provision of a service by the board is necessary to
132 assure adequate availability of the service or that a service of
133 comparable quality can be provided more economically by the board.
134 Any board seeking to provide services directly shall include in the
135 annual regional plan submitted to the commissioner and the
136 commission under subparagraph (E) of subdivision (2) of subsection
137 (b) of this section its plan to provide services directly and appropriate
138 justification for the need to do so. When the decision to provide
139 services directly must be made between annual planning cycles, the
140 board shall submit to the commissioner and the commission a plan of
141 service and appropriate justification for the need to provide services
142 directly. Such plan of service shall be subject to review and approval
143 by the commission.

144 (d) On October 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, each board shall
 145 submit to the Office of Workforce Competitiveness comprehensive
 146 performance measures detailing the results of any education,
 147 employment or job training program or activity funded by moneys
 148 allocated to the board, including, but not limited to, programs and
 149 activities specified in the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998,
 150 P.L. 105-220, as from time to time amended. Such performance
 151 measures shall include, but shall not be limited to, the identity and
 152 performance of any vendor that enters into a contract with the board to
 153 conduct, manage or assist with such programs or activities, the costs
 154 associated with such programs or activities, the number, gender and
 155 race of persons served by such programs or activities, the number,
 156 gender and race of persons completing such programs or activities,
 157 occupational skill types, the number, gender and race of persons who
 158 enter unsubsidized employment upon completion of such programs or
 159 activities, the number, gender and race of persons who remain in
 160 unsubsidized employment six months later and the earnings received
 161 by such persons.

162 (e) The Office of Workforce Competitiveness shall evaluate each
 163 regional workforce development board, using a results-based
 164 accountability framework, to determine whether such board is
 165 carrying out the duties and responsibilities imposed on it under this
 166 section. On or before January 15, 2012, and annually thereafter from
 167 January 15, 2013, to January 15, 2017, inclusive, said office shall report,
 168 in accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of
 169 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 170 employment advancement and appropriations on the results of such
 171 evaluations.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17b-751b
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	19a-59g

Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	31-3k
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Statement of Purpose:

To apply results-based accountability to the Healthy Start program, low birth weight programs, the Nurturing Families Network and the regional workforce development boards.

[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.]