



General Assembly

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**Committee Bill No. 322**

LCO No. 3218

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE QUALIFICATIONS OF DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EMPLOYEES.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-6a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall (1) require  
4 each applicant for a position with the department to state in writing  
5 whether such person has ever been convicted of a crime or whether  
6 criminal charges are pending against such person at the time such  
7 person submits an application, and (2) require each applicant to submit  
8 to state and national criminal history records checks, in accordance  
9 with section 29-17a. The commissioner shall also check the state child  
10 abuse registry established pursuant to section 17a-101k for the name of  
11 such applicant.

12 (b) On and after January 1, 2012, the Commissioner of Children and  
13 Families shall require that each applicant for a position with the  
14 department as a social worker or social work supervisor shall, at a  
15 minimum, have a master's degree in social work or a closely related

16 field, as determined by the commissioner. On and after January 1,  
17 2017, the commissioner shall require that each person employed by the  
18 department as a social worker or social work supervisor shall, at a  
19 minimum, have a master's degree in social work or a closely related  
20 field, as determined by the commissioner. On and after January 1,  
21 2020, the commissioner shall require that each person employed by the  
22 department as a social worker or social work supervisor shall be  
23 licensed as a master or clinical social worker pursuant to chapter 383b.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2011	17a-6a

**Statement of Purpose:**

To require minimum educational and licensure qualifications for social workers and social work supervisors employed by the Department of Children and Families.

*[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.]*

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