



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 981

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE PLACEMENT OF YOUNG CHILDREN IN CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) Except as provided in
2 subsection (b) of this section, the Commissioner of Children and
3 Families shall not place a child under the age of six, or a sibling group
4 that contains a child under the age of six, in a child care facility, as
5 defined in section 17a-93 of the general statutes.

6 (b) The Commissioner of Children and Families may place a child
7 under the age of six, or a sibling group containing a child under the
8 age of six, in a child care facility, only if (1) a child care facility is
9 designed for children and their parents, or (2) the commissioner deems
10 it necessary to assess whether the health needs of the child under the
11 age of six are so severe that the child's health needs can only be met in
12 a child care facility. No child under the age of six, nor any sibling
13 group containing a child under the age of six, may remain in a child
14 care facility pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection unless the
15 commissioner, not later than seventy-two hours after such placement,
16 certifies to the court that specific attempts were made to secure a
17 family-based placement for such child or sibling group, or provides
18 evidence to the court that such child's health needs can only be met in
19 a child care facility. If a child under the age of six, or sibling group

20 containing a child under the age of six, is placed in a child care facility
21 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection and remains in such
22 facility for more than thirty days, the commissioner shall petition the
23 court for an emergency placement review hearing to be held not less
24 than forty-five days after the date of initial placement. The purpose of
25 such hearing shall be to review the efforts made by the commissioner
26 to secure a family-based placement for the child or sibling group and
27 to determine whether continued placement in the child care facility is
28 warranted based on the child's health needs.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2012</i>	New section

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