



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 1179**

January Session, 2011

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2011) (a) Any individual whose  
2 name has been placed on the state child abuse and neglect registry  
3 established pursuant to section 17a-101k of the general statutes may  
4 file an application with the Department of Children and Families, on  
5 such form as the department prescribes, for removal of such  
6 individual's name from the registry. The department shall include in  
7 such form a provision that allows the applicant to indicate good cause  
8 for removing the applicant's name from the registry. Such good cause  
9 may include, but need not be limited to: (1) Rehabilitation of the  
10 applicant; (2) the applicant's acceptance of personal responsibility for  
11 actions or omissions that resulted in the applicant's name being placed  
12 on the registry; (3) a bona fide need for removal of the applicant's  
13 name from the registry; and (4) at least two letters in support of the  
14 application, each from a competent adult.

15 (b) Such application may be filed no earlier than five years after the  
16 date of the final decision, as defined in section 4-166 of the general  
17 statutes, that resulted in the placement of the applicant's name on the  
18 registry.

19 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families may grant such

20 application upon finding good cause. If the commissioner denies an  
21 application filed in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this  
22 section, the applicant shall be entitled to a hearing in accordance with  
23 chapter 54 of the general statutes.

24 (d) Any applicant whose application is denied after a final decision,  
25 as defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes, may reapply in  
26 accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, without  
27 limitation, not less than two years after the date of such final decision.  
28 Such application shall indicate good cause that has occurred since the  
29 date of the final decision.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	New section

**JUD**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

**HS**        *Joint Favorable*