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"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES' DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE AND POVERTY EXEMPTION."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Section 17a-62 of the general statutes is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

5 On or before February 1, 2010, and annually thereafter, the
6 Commissioner of Children and Families shall submit a report, in
7 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, to the joint standing
8 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
9 relating to human services and the select committee of the General
10 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children. The report
11 shall include the following information, for the preceding calendar
12 year, for children and youth in the custody of the Department of
13 Children and Families: (1) The number and age of such children and

14 youth who are living in a psychiatric hospital or out-of-state residential
15 treatment center, the average length of stay for such children and
16 youth, the number of children and youth who have overstayed their
17 estimated placement time in such placements and an analysis of the
18 reasons for the placements out of state and overstays; (2) the number
19 and age of such children and youth who are runaways or homeless,
20 [the number of days that each child or youth has been a runaway or
21 homeless, and] including (A) the number of episodes of unauthorized
22 absence from the department's care for one full day or more; (B) the
23 total number of children and youth involved in such episodes and, of
24 that number, (i) the number of children and youth having one such
25 episode, (ii) the number of children and youth having two such
26 episodes, (iii) the number of children and youth having three such
27 episodes, and (iv) the number of children and youth having more than
28 three such episodes; (C) the average number of children and youth
29 who, without authorization, are absent from the department's care
30 each day; (D) the number of children and youth having an episode of
31 unauthorized absence from the department's care according to age
32 group as follows: Those (i) under six years of age, (ii) six to nine years
33 of age, (iii) ten to twelve years of age, (iv) thirteen to fifteen years of
34 age, and (v) sixteen or seventeen years of age; (E) the number of days
35 of unauthorized absence from the department's care according to the
36 period of time absent as follows: (i) Less than two days, (ii) three to
37 seven days, (iii) eight to fourteen days, (iv) fifteen to thirty days, (v)
38 thirty-one to sixty days, (vi) sixty-one to one hundred twenty days,
39 (vii) one hundred twenty-one to one hundred eighty days, and (viii)
40 more than one hundred eighty days; (F) an analysis of the trends
41 relating to runaways and homelessness; and (G) a description of the
42 strategies employed and policies implemented by the department to
43 address runaways and homelessness and to reduce the number and
44 duration of episodes of absence from the department's care; (3) the
45 number and age of children and youth who have a permanency plan
46 of another planned permanency living arrangement and an analysis of
47 the trends relating to permanency plans; and (4) the number and age of
48 children and youth who have refused services offered by the

49 department and an analysis of the trends relating to participation in
50 services. The commissioner shall conduct case and service reviews for
51 each child in the groups described in subdivisions (1) to (4), inclusive,
52 of this section."