



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5288

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN OF INCARCERATED WOMEN.

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Correction
2 shall examine the feasibility, costs and benefits of (1) permitting the
3 placement of children born to detained women at the Connecticut
4 Correctional Institution, Niantic, at a nursery facility within such
5 institution, and (2) establishing a nursery facility within such
6 institution for such purpose.

7 (b) In conducting such examination, the commissioner shall
8 consider possible eligibility criteria for placement of children at such
9 nursery facilities. Such eligibility criteria may include, but need not be
10 limited to:

11 (1) Limiting eligibility to detained women who were pregnant when
12 such detention began and whose child was born to them during such
13 detention;

14 (2) Limiting eligibility to women whose detention does not exceed
15 eighteen months or any other period recommended by the

16 commissioner; and

17 (3) Requiring participants to comply with any program, education,
18 counseling or other participation requirements established by the
19 commissioner.

20 (c) Not later than January 2, 2013, the Commissioner of Correction
21 shall submit a report on such examination and the commissioner's
22 recommendations to the joint standing committee of the General
23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary. Such
24 report shall be submitted in accordance with section 11-4a of the
25 general statutes, and shall identify amendments to sections 18-69 and
26 18-69a of the general statutes necessary to implement such
27 recommendations, if any.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To study the feasibility, costs and benefits of establishing a nursery facility at the Connecticut Correctional Institution, Niantic, for the purpose of caring for children born to women during their detention at such institution.

[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.]