



General Assembly

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Substitute Bill No. 5288

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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 facility. Such eligibility criteria may include, but need not be
10 limited to:

11 (1) Limiting eligibility to detained women who were pregnant when
12 their detention began and whose children were born 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 Legislative Commissioners:

In section 1(b), changes were made for proper grammar.

JUD *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*