



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 293

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AN ACT CONCERNING PERMANENCY AND TRANSITION PLANS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) (a) The permanency plan
2 of a child in the care and custody of the Commissioner of Children and
3 Families shall include documentation whether the child is eligible for
4 benefits from the Social Security Administration, including, but not
5 limited to, supplemental security income, survivor and disabled adult
6 child benefits.

7 (b) The department shall complete and submit an application for
8 supplemental security income benefits for any eligible child in its care
9 and custody. The department shall maintain and respond to
10 correspondence regarding the application and any forthcoming
11 benefits.

12 (c) For any child who has reached the age of seventeen and is
13 receiving Social Security benefits, the department shall: (1) Determine
14 whether the child will require a representative payee to assist in
15 managing the child's Social Security benefits, (2) if the child requires a
16 representative payee, identify an appropriate representative payee
17 who shall comply with the representative payee responsibilities set
18 forth in 20 CFR 404.2035, as amended from time to time, and (3) if the
19 child does not require a representative payee, provide the following
20 assistance to the child which may include, but is not limited to,

21 educating the child about (A) maintaining their eligibility with the
 22 Social Security Administration, and (B) maintaining a bank account for
 23 purposes of electronic direct deposit of Social Security payments.

24 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Any permanency plan
 25 documents submitted by the Department of Children and Families
 26 pursuant to section 46b-129 of the general statutes and any hearing
 27 held to address a child's or youth's permanency plan shall include: (1)
 28 For a child five years of age and under, the steps the department has
 29 taken to make any necessary referrals of the child for early
 30 intervention, preschool or special education services, which are being
 31 provided or are scheduled to be provided in accordance with
 32 applicable law, (2) for a child sixteen years of age or older, the steps the
 33 department has taken to enable the child to learn independent living
 34 skills and complete a secondary educational or vocational program,
 35 and (3) for a child sixteen years of age or older but under eighteen
 36 years of age, (A) the steps the department has taken to develop a
 37 transition plan that is personalized for the child, which includes, but is
 38 not limited to, specific options for housing, health insurance, and
 39 education, local opportunities for mentors and continuing support
 40 opportunities, work force support and employment services, (B) a
 41 review of the benefits the child is currently receiving including, but not
 42 limited to, social security, and (C) the steps the department will take to
 43 ensure the child is screened for eligible benefits.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2012</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:
 In section 1(b), "Supplemental Security Income" was changed to "supplemental security income benefits" for clarity and consistency and in section 1(c) "and is receiving Social Security benefits" was added for clarity.

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