



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 294

February Session, 2012

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AN ACT CONCERNING CHILDREN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 17a-98 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2012*):

3 The Commissioner of Children and Families, or any agent
4 appointed by [him] said commissioner, shall exercise careful
5 supervision of each child under [his] said commissioner's
6 guardianship or care and shall maintain such contact with the child
7 and [his] the child's foster family as is necessary to promote the child's
8 safety and [his] physical, educational, moral and emotional
9 development, including, but not limited to, visiting each foster home at
10 least once every sixty days. The commissioner shall maintain such
11 records and accounts as may be necessary for the proper supervision
12 of all children under [his] said commissioner's guardianship or care.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2012*) Not later than sixty days
14 after a child or youth with behavioral health needs, as defined in
15 section 17a-1 of the general statutes, is placed in the care and custody
16 of the Commissioner of Children and Families, said commissioner
17 shall visit the family home or homes of such child or youth. The
18 commissioner shall conduct such visit for the purpose of assessing
19 potential causes of such child's or youth's behavioral health needs,

