



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 310

LCO No. 1592

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THE STATE CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REGISTRY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2012*) (a) Any individual whose
2 name has been placed on the state child abuse and neglect registry
3 established pursuant to section 17a-101k of the general statutes may
4 file an application with the Department of Children and Families, on
5 such form as the department prescribes, for removal of such
6 individual's name from the registry. Such application may be filed no
7 earlier than five years after the date of the final decision, as defined in
8 section 4-166 of the general statutes, that resulted in the placement of
9 the applicant's name on the registry.

10 (b) The department shall design such application form in a manner
11 that permits the applicant to indicate good cause for removing the
12 applicant's name from the registry. Such good cause may include, but
13 need not be limited to: (1) Rehabilitation of the applicant; (2) the
14 applicant's acceptance of personal responsibility for actions or
15 omissions that resulted in the applicant's name being placed on the
16 registry; and (3) a bona fide need for removal of the applicant's name

17 from the registry. The department shall require that any applicant
18 include with such application at least two letters in support of the
19 application, each from a competent adult.

20 (c) The Commissioner of Children and Families may approve such
21 application upon finding good cause. Upon approving such
22 application, the commissioner shall remove such applicant's name
23 from the registry. If the commissioner denies an application filed in
24 accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, the applicant
25 shall be entitled to a hearing in accordance with chapter 54 of the
26 general statutes.

27 (d) Any applicant whose application is denied after a final decision,
28 as defined in section 4-166 of the general statutes, may reapply in
29 accordance with subsections (a) and (b) of this section, without
30 limitation, not less than two years after the date of such final decision,
31 provided such application indicates good cause that has occurred since
32 the date of the final decision.

33 (e) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall adopt
34 regulations, in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
35 implement this section.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To establish a procedure for individuals to remove their names from the state child abuse and neglect registry after five years have elapsed and upon the showing of good cause.

[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.]