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**AN ACT REVISING VARIOUS STATUTES CONCERNING THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17a-4 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (a) There shall be a State Advisory Council on Children and
5 Families which shall consist of nineteen members as follows: (1)
6 Thirteen members appointed by the Governor, including [at least] two
7 persons who are child care professionals, two persons eighteen to
8 twenty-five years of age, inclusive, served by the Department of
9 Children and Families, one child psychiatrist licensed to practice
10 medicine in this state and [at least] one attorney who has expertise in
11 legal issues related to children and youth and seven persons who shall
12 be representative of young persons, parents and others interested in
13 the delivery of services to children and youths, including child
14 protection, behavioral health, juvenile justice and prevention services,
15 at least four of whom shall be parents, foster parents or family

16 members of children who have received, or are receiving, behavioral
17 health services, child welfare services or juvenile services; and (2) six
18 members representing the regional advisory councils established
19 pursuant to section 17a-30, appointed one each by the members of each
20 council. On and after October 1, 2014, no more than half the members
21 of the council shall be persons who receive income from a private
22 practice or any public or private agency that delivers mental health,
23 substance abuse, child abuse prevention and treatment, child welfare
24 services or juvenile services. Members of the council shall serve
25 without compensation, except for necessary expenses incurred in the
26 performance of their duties. The Department of Children and Families
27 shall provide the council with funding to facilitate the participation of
28 those members representing families and youth, as well as for other
29 administrative support services. Members shall serve on the council
30 for terms of two years each and no member shall serve for more than
31 three consecutive terms. The commissioner shall be an ex-officio
32 member of the council without vote and shall attend its meetings. Any
33 member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or fifty per cent
34 of all meetings during any calendar year shall be deemed to have
35 resigned. The council shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to
36 act in the chairperson's absence.

37 Sec. 2. Section 17a-28 of the general statutes is repealed and the
38 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

39 (a) As used in this section:

40 (1) "Person" means (A) any individual named in a record,
41 maintained by the department, who (i) is presently or at any prior time
42 was a ward of or committed to the commissioner for any reason; (ii)
43 otherwise received services, voluntarily or involuntarily, from the
44 department; or (iii) is presently or was at any prior time the subject of
45 an investigation by the department; (B) a parent whose parental rights
46 have not been terminated or current guardian of an individual
47 described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, if such individual is

48 a minor; or (C) the authorized representative of an individual
49 described in subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, if such individual is
50 deceased;

51 (2) "Attorney" means the licensed attorney authorized to assert the
52 confidentiality of or right of access to records of a person;

53 (3) "Authorized representative" means a parent, guardian, guardian
54 ad litem, attorney, conservator or other individual authorized to assert
55 the confidentiality of or right of access to records of a person;

56 (4) "Consent" means permission given in writing by a person, such
57 person's attorney or authorized representative to disclose specified
58 information, within a limited time period, regarding the person to
59 specifically identified individuals or entities;

60 (5) "Records" means information created or obtained in connection
61 with the department's child protection activities or other activities
62 related to a child while in the care or custody of the department,
63 including information in the registry of reports to be maintained by the
64 commissioner pursuant to section 17a-101k;

65 (6) "Disclose" means (A) to provide an oral summary of records
66 maintained by the department to an individual, agency, corporation or
67 organization, or (B) to allow an individual, agency, corporation or
68 organization to review or obtain copies of such records in whole, part
69 or summary form;

70 (7) "Near fatality" means an act that places a child in serious or
71 critical condition.

72 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 1-210, 1-211 or 1-213,
73 records maintained by the department shall be confidential and shall
74 not be disclosed, unless the department receives written consent from
75 the person or as provided in this section, section 17a-101g or section
76 17a-101k. Any unauthorized disclosure shall be punishable by a fine of

77 not more than one thousand dollars or imprisonment for not more
78 than one year, or both. Any employee of the department who in the
79 ordinary course of such person's employment has reasonable cause to
80 suspect or believe that another employee has engaged in the
81 unauthorized disclosure of records shall report in writing such
82 unauthorized disclosure of records to the commissioner. The report
83 shall include the name of the person disclosing the information and the
84 nature of the information disclosed and to whom it was disclosed, if
85 known.

86 (c) Records that (1) contain privileged communications, or (2) are
87 confidential pursuant to any federal law or regulation shall not be
88 disclosed except as authorized by law.

89 (d) Any information disclosed from a person's record shall not be
90 further disclosed to another individual or entity without the written
91 consent of the person, except (1) pursuant to section 19a-80 or 19a-80f,
92 provided such disclosure is otherwise permitted pursuant to
93 subsections (b) and (c) of this section, (2) pursuant to the order of a
94 court of competent jurisdiction, or (3) as otherwise provided by law.

95 (e) The commissioner shall, upon written request, disclose the
96 following information concerning agencies licensed by the Department
97 of Children and Families, except foster care parents, relatives of the
98 child who are licensed to provide foster care or prospective adoptive
99 families: (1) The name of the licensee; (2) the date the original license
100 was issued; (3) the current status of the license; (4) whether an agency
101 investigation or review is pending or has been completed; and (5) any
102 licensing action taken by the department at any time during the period
103 such license was issued and the reason for such action, provided
104 disclosure of such information will not jeopardize a pending
105 investigation.

106 (f) The name of any individual who reports suspected abuse or
107 neglect of a child or youth or cooperates with an investigation of child

108 abuse or neglect shall be kept confidential upon request or upon
109 determination by the department that disclosure of such information
110 may be detrimental to the safety or interests of the individual, except
111 the name of any such individual shall be disclosed pursuant to
112 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of this section to
113 (1) an employee of the department for reasons reasonably related to
114 the business of the department; (2) a law enforcement officer for
115 purposes of investigating abuse or neglect of a child or youth; (3) a
116 state's attorney for purposes of investigating or prosecuting abuse or
117 neglect of a child or youth; (4) an assistant attorney general or other
118 legal counsel representing the department; (5) a judge of the Superior
119 Court and all necessary parties in a court proceeding pursuant to
120 section 17a-112 or 46b-129, or a criminal prosecution involving child
121 abuse or neglect; (6) a state child care licensing agency; or (7) the
122 executive director of any institution, school or facility or
123 superintendent of schools pursuant to section 17a-101i.

124 (g) The department shall disclose records, subject to subsections (b)
125 and (c) of this section, without the consent of the person who is the
126 subject of the record, to:

127 (1) The person named in the record or such person's authorized
128 representative, provided such disclosure shall be limited to
129 information (A) contained in the record about such person or about
130 such person's biological or adoptive minor child, if such person's
131 parental rights to such child have not been terminated; and (B)
132 identifying an individual who reported abuse or neglect of the person,
133 including any tape recording of an oral report pursuant to section 17a-
134 103, if a court determines that there is reasonable cause to believe the
135 reporter knowingly made a false report or that the interests of justice
136 require disclosure;

137 (2) An employee of the department for any purpose reasonably
138 related to the performance of such employee's duties;

139 (3) A guardian ad litem or attorney appointed to represent a child or
140 youth in litigation affecting the best interests of the child or youth;

141 (4) The Attorney General, any assistant attorney general or any
142 other legal counsel retained to represent the department during the
143 course of a legal proceeding involving the department or an employee
144 of the department;

145 (5) The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee;

146 (6) The Chief Public Defender or the Chief Public Defender's
147 designee for purposes of ensuring competent representation by the
148 attorneys with whom the Chief Public Defender contracts to provide
149 legal and guardian ad litem services to the subjects of such records and
150 for ensuring accurate payments for services rendered by such
151 attorneys;

152 (7) The Chief State's Attorney or the Chief State's Attorney's
153 designee for purposes of investigating or prosecuting an allegation
154 related to child abuse or neglect, provided such prosecuting authority
155 shall have access to records of a child charged with the commission of
156 a delinquent act, who is not being charged with an offense related to
157 child abuse, only while the case is being prosecuted and after
158 obtaining a release;

159 (8) A state or federal law enforcement officer for purposes of
160 investigating an allegation related to child abuse or neglect;

161 (9) Any foster or prospective adoptive parent, if the records pertain
162 to a child or youth currently placed with the foster or prospective
163 adoptive parent, or a child or youth being considered for placement
164 with the foster or prospective adoptive parent, and the records are
165 necessary to address the social, medical, psychological or educational
166 needs of the child or youth, provided no information identifying a
167 biological parent is disclosed without the permission of such biological
168 parent;

169 (10) The Governor, when requested in writing in the course of the
170 Governor's official functions, the Legislative Program Review and
171 Investigations Committee, the joint standing committee of the General
172 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, the
173 joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance
174 of matters relating to the judiciary or the select committee of the
175 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children,
176 when requested in writing in the course of said committee's official
177 functions, and upon a majority vote of said committee, provided no
178 name or other identifying information is disclosed unless such
179 information is essential to the gubernatorial or legislative purpose;

180 (11) The Department of Public Health for the purpose of (A)
181 determining the suitability of a person to care for children in a facility
182 licensed pursuant to section 19a-77, 19a-80 or 19a-87b; (B) determining
183 the suitability of such person for licensure; or (C) an investigation
184 conducted pursuant to section 19a-80f;

185 (12) The Department of Developmental Services, to allow said
186 department to determine eligibility, facilitate enrollment and plan for
187 the provision of services to a child who is a client of said department
188 and who is applying to enroll in or is enrolled in said department's
189 voluntary services program. At the time that a parent or guardian
190 completes an application for enrollment of a child in the Department of
191 Developmental Services' voluntary services program, or at the time
192 that said department updates a child's annual individualized plan of
193 care, said department shall notify such parent or guardian that the
194 Department of Children and Families may provide records to the
195 Department of Developmental Services for the purposes specified in
196 this subdivision without the consent of such parent or guardian;

197 (13) A state agency that licenses or certifies an individual to educate
198 or care for children or youth;

199 (14) A judge or employee of a probate court who requires access to

200 such records in order to perform such judge's or employee's official
201 duties;

202 (15) A judge of the Superior Court for purposes of determining the
203 appropriate disposition of a child convicted as delinquent or a child
204 who is a member of a family with service needs;

205 (16) A judge of the Superior Court in a criminal prosecution for
206 purposes of in-camera inspection whenever (A) the court has ordered
207 that the record be provided to the court; or (B) a party to the
208 proceeding has issued a subpoena for the record;

209 (17) A judge of the Superior Court and all necessary parties in a
210 family violence proceeding when such records concern family violence
211 with respect to the child who is the subject of the proceeding or the
212 parent of such child who is the subject of the proceeding;

213 (18) The Auditors of Public Accounts, or their representative,
214 provided no information identifying the subject of the record is
215 disclosed unless such information is essential to an audit conducted
216 pursuant to section 2-90;

217 (19) A local or regional board of education, provided the records are
218 limited to educational records created or obtained by the state or
219 Connecticut Unified School District #2, established pursuant to section
220 17a-37;

221 (20) The superintendent of schools for any school district for the
222 purpose of determining the suitability of a person to be employed by
223 the local or regional board of education for such school district
224 pursuant to subsection (a) of section 10-221d;

225 (21) The Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of criminal
226 history records checks pursuant to subsection (e) of section 14-44,
227 provided information disclosed pursuant to this subdivision shall be
228 limited to information included on the Department of Children and

229 Families child abuse and neglect registry established pursuant to
230 section 17a-101k, subject to the provisions of sections 17a-101g and
231 17a-101k concerning the nondisclosure of findings of responsibility for
232 abuse and neglect;

233 (22) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for
234 the purpose of treatment planning for young adults who have
235 transitioned from the care of the Department of Children and Families;
236 [and]

237 (23) The superintendent of a public school district or the executive
238 director or other head of a public or private institution for children
239 providing care for children or a private school pursuant to sections
240 17a-101b, 17a-101c and 17a-101i; and

241 (24) The Department of Social Services for the purpose of (A)
242 determining the suitability of a person for payment from the
243 Department of Social Services for providing child care; (B) promoting
244 the health, safety and welfare of the child or youth; or (C) investigating
245 allegations of fraud provided no information identifying the subject of
246 the record is disclosed unless such information is essential to any such
247 investigation.

248 (h) The department may, subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this
249 section, disclose records without the consent of the person who is the
250 subject of the record, to:

251 (1) An employee or former employee of the department or such
252 employee or former employee's authorized representative for purposes
253 of participating in any court, administrative or disciplinary
254 proceeding, provided such disclosure shall be limited to records that
255 are necessary to the proceeding, as determined by the department;

256 (2) Multidisciplinary teams, as described in section 17a-106a;

257 (3) A provider of professional services for a child, youth or parent

258 referred to such provider, provided such disclosure is limited to
259 information necessary to provide services to the child, youth or parent;

260 (4) An individual or agency under contract with the department for
261 the purposes of identifying and assessing a potential foster or adoptive
262 home for a child or youth, provided no information identifying a
263 biological parent of a child or youth is disclosed without the
264 permission of such biological parent;

265 [(5) The Department of Social Services for the purpose of (A)
266 determining the suitability of a person for payment from the
267 Department of Social Services for providing child care; or (B)
268 promoting the health, safety and welfare of the child or youth;]

269 [(6)] (5) A physician examining a child with respect to whom abuse
270 or neglect is suspected and who is authorized pursuant to section 17a-
271 101f to keep the child in the custody of a hospital when such physician
272 requires the information in a record of the department to determine
273 whether to keep the child in protective custody;

274 [(7)] (6) An individual who reports child abuse or neglect pursuant
275 to sections 17a-101a to 17a-101c, inclusive, or section 17a-103, who
276 made a report of abuse or neglect, provided the information disclosed
277 is limited to (A) the status of the investigation conducted pursuant to
278 section 17a-101g resulting from the individual's report; and (B) in
279 general terms, the action taken by the department as a result of such
280 investigation;

281 [(8)] (7) An individual or organization engaged in the business of
282 medical, psychological or psychiatric diagnosis and treatment and who
283 is treating an individual who has perpetrated abuse or neglect, as
284 determined in an investigation conducted pursuant to section 17a-
285 101g, or who is unwilling or unable to protect a child or youth from
286 abuse or neglect, as determined in an investigation conducted
287 pursuant to section 17a-101g, when the commissioner, or the
288 commissioner's designee, determines that the disclosure is necessary to

289 accomplish the objectives of diagnosis or treatment;

290 [(9)] (8) A court or public agency in another state or a federally
291 recognized Indian tribe, that is responsible for investigating child
292 abuse or neglect, preventing child abuse and neglect or providing
293 services to families at risk for child abuse or neglect, for the purpose of
294 such investigation, prevention or providing services to such families;

295 [(10)] (9) An individual conducting bona fide research, provided no
296 information identifying the subject of the record is disclosed unless (A)
297 such information is essential to the purpose of the research; and (B) the
298 department has given written approval for the use of such
299 information;

300 [(11)] (10) An individual or agency involved in the collection of fees
301 for services, provided such information is limited to the name and
302 address of the person who received the services and the fees for
303 services, except as provided in section 17b-225. In cases where a
304 dispute arises over such fees or claims or where additional information
305 is needed to substantiate the fee or claim, the Department of Children
306 and Families may disclose the following: (A) That the person was, in
307 fact, provided services by the department; (B) the dates and duration
308 of such services; and (C) a general description of the types of services,
309 including evidence that a service or treatment plan exists and has been
310 carried out and evidence to substantiate the necessity for admission
311 and length of stay in an institution or facility;

312 [(12)] (11) A law enforcement officer or state's attorney if there is
313 reasonable cause to believe that a child or youth is being abused or
314 neglected or at risk of being abused or neglected as a result of any
315 suspected criminal activity by any individual;

316 [(13)] (12) Any individual interviewed as part of an investigation
317 conducted pursuant to section 17a-101g, who is not otherwise entitled
318 to such information, provided such disclosure is limited to: (A) The
319 general nature of the allegations contained in the reports; (B) the

320 identity of the child or youth alleged to have been abused or neglected;
321 and (C) information necessary to effectively conduct the investigation;

322 ~~[(14)]~~ (13) Any individual, when information concerning an incident
323 of child abuse or neglect has been made public or the commissioner
324 reasonably believes publication of such information is likely, provided
325 such disclosure is limited to: (A) Whether the department has received
326 any report in accordance with sections 17a-101a to 17a-101c, inclusive,
327 or section 17a-103; (B) in general terms, any action taken by the
328 department, provided: (i) Names or other individually identifiable
329 information of the child or other family members is not disclosed,
330 regardless of whether such individually identifiable information is
331 otherwise available, and (ii) the name or other individually identifiable
332 information of the person suspected to be responsible for the abuse or
333 neglect is not disclosed unless such person has been arrested for a
334 crime due to such abuse or neglect; (C) confirmation or denial of the
335 accuracy of information that has been made public; and (D)
336 notwithstanding the provisions of section 46b-124, in general terms,
337 the legal status of the case;

338 ~~[(15)]~~ (14) Any individual for the purpose of locating such
339 individual's missing parent, child or youth, provided such disclosure is
340 limited to information that assists in locating such missing parent,
341 child or youth;

342 ~~[(16)]~~ (15) Any individual, when the information ~~[concern]~~ concerns
343 an incident of abuse or neglect that resulted in a child or youth fatality
344 or near fatality of a child or youth, provided disclosure of such
345 information is in general terms and does not jeopardize a pending
346 investigation;

347 ~~[(17)]~~ (16) A judge of a court of competent jurisdiction whenever an
348 employee of the department is subpoenaed and ordered to testify
349 about such records for purposes of in-camera inspection if (A) the
350 court has ordered that such records be provided to the court; or (B) a

351 party to the proceeding has issued a subpoena for such records;

352 [(18)] (17) An individual who is not employed by the department
353 who arranges, performs or assists in performing functions or activities
354 on behalf of the department, including, but not limited to, data
355 analysis, processing or administration, utilization reviews, quality
356 assurance, practice management, consultation, data aggregation and
357 accreditation services.

358 (i) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (e) to (h),
359 inclusive, of this section, the department may refuse to disclose records
360 to any individual, provided the department gives such individual
361 notice (1) that records are being withheld; (2) of the general nature of
362 the records being withheld; (3) of the department's reason for refusing
363 to disclose the records; and (4) of the individual's right to judicial relief
364 pursuant to subsection (j) of this section.

365 (j) (1) Any person or individual aggrieved by a violation of
366 subsection (b) or (d), subsections (f) to (h), inclusive, or subsection (k)
367 of this section, or a person's authorized representative, may seek
368 judicial relief in the manner prescribed in section 52-146j.

369 (2) Any person, individual or authorized representative denied
370 access to records by the commissioner under subdivision (i) of this
371 section may petition the superior court for the venue district provided
372 in section 46b-142 in which the person resides for an order requiring
373 the commissioner to permit access to those records, and the court, after
374 a hearing and an in camera review of the records in question, shall
375 issue such an order unless it determines that permitting disclosure of
376 all or any portion of the record (A) would be contrary to the best
377 interests of the person or the person's authorized representative; (B)
378 could reasonably result in the risk of harm to any individual; or (C)
379 would contravene the public policy of the state.

380 (k) All written records disclosed to an individual who is not the
381 subject of the record, an agency, an entity or an organization shall bear

382 a stamp requiring confidentiality in accordance with the provisions of
383 this section. Such records shall not be disclosed to another individual,
384 agency, entity or an organization without the written consent of the
385 person who is the subject of the record or as provided by this section.
386 A copy of the consent form, specifying to whom and for what specific
387 use the record is disclosed or a statement setting forth any other
388 statutory authorization for disclosure and the limitations imposed on
389 such disclosure, shall accompany the record. In cases where the
390 disclosure is made orally, the individual disclosing the information
391 shall inform the recipient that such information is governed by the
392 provisions of this section.

393 (l) Whenever any person, attorney or authorized representative,
394 having obtained access to any record, believes there are factually
395 inaccurate entries or materials contained in such record, such person,
396 attorney or authorized representative may add a statement to the
397 record setting forth what such person, attorney or authorized
398 representative believes to be an accurate statement of those facts and
399 such statement shall become a permanent part of the record.

400 Sec. 3. Section 17a-93 of the general statutes is repealed and the
401 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

402 As used in sections 17a-90 to 17a-124, inclusive, and [17a-152]
403 sections 17a-145 to 17a-153, inclusive:

404 [(a)] (1) "Child" means any person under eighteen years of age,
405 except as otherwise specified, or any person under twenty-one years of
406 age who is in full-time attendance in a secondary school, a technical
407 school, a college or a state-accredited job training program;

408 [(b)] (2) "Parent" means natural or adoptive parent;

409 [(c)] (3) "Adoption" means the establishment by court order of the
410 legal relationship of parent and child;

411 [(d)] (4) "Guardianship" means guardianship, unless otherwise
412 specified, of the person of a minor and refers to the obligation of care
413 and control, the right to custody and the duty and authority to make
414 major decisions affecting such minor's welfare, including, but not
415 limited to, consent determinations regarding marriage, enlistment in
416 the armed forces and major medical, psychiatric or surgical treatment;

417 [(e)] (5) "Termination of parental rights" means the complete
418 severance by court order of the legal relationship, with all its rights
419 and responsibilities, between the child and his parent or parents so
420 that the child is free for adoption except it shall not affect the right of
421 inheritance of such child or the religious affiliation of such child;

422 [(f)] (6) "Statutory parent" means the Commissioner of Children and
423 Families or that child-placing agency appointed by the court for the
424 purpose of giving a minor child or minor children in adoption;

425 [(g)] (7) "Child-placing agency" means any agency within or without
426 the state of Connecticut licensed or approved by the Commissioner of
427 Children and Families in accordance with sections 17a-149 and 17a-
428 151, and in accordance with such standards which shall be established
429 by regulations of the Department of Children and Families;

430 [(h)] (8) "Child care facility" means a congregate residential setting
431 licensed by the Department of Children and Families for the out-of-
432 home placement of children or youths under eighteen years of age, or
433 any person under twenty-one years of age who is in full-time
434 attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college or state
435 accredited job training program;

436 [(i)] (9) "Protective supervision" means a status created by court
437 order following adjudication of neglect whereby a child's place of
438 abode is not changed but assistance directed at correcting the neglect is
439 provided at the request of the court through the Department of
440 Children and Families or such other social agency as the court may
441 specify;

442 [(j)] (10) "Receiving home" means a facility operated by the
443 Department of Children and Families to receive and temporarily care
444 for children in the guardianship or care of the commissioner;

445 [(k)] (11) "Protective services" means public welfare services
446 provided after complaints of abuse, neglect or abandonment, but in the
447 absence of an adjudication or assumption of jurisdiction by a court;

448 [(l)] (12) "Person responsible for the health, welfare or care of a child
449 or youth" means a child's or a youth's parent, guardian or foster
450 parent; an employee of a public or private residential home, agency or
451 institution or other person legally responsible in a residential setting;
452 or any staff person providing out-of-home care, including center-based
453 child day care, family day care or group day care, as defined in section
454 19a-77;

455 [(m)] (13) "Foster family" means a person or persons, licensed or
456 certified by the Department of Children and Families or approved by a
457 licensed child-placing agency, for the care of a child or children in a
458 private home;

459 [(n)] (14) "Prospective adoptive family" means a person or persons,
460 licensed by the Department of Children and Families or approved by a
461 licensed child-placing agency, who is awaiting the placement of, or
462 who has a child or children placed in their home for the purposes of
463 adoption;

464 [(o)] (15) "Person entrusted with the care of a child or youth" means
465 a person given access to a child or youth by a person responsible for
466 the health, welfare or care of a child or youth for the purpose of
467 providing education, child care, counseling, spiritual guidance,
468 coaching, training, instruction, tutoring or mentoring of such child or
469 youth.

470 Sec. 4. Section 17a-114b of the general statutes is repealed and the
471 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

472 [(a)] The Commissioner of Children and Families, pursuant to the
473 federal Fair [and Accurate Credit Transactions] Credit Reporting Act,
474 shall request, annually, a free credit report on behalf of each youth
475 sixteen years of age or older who is in the custody of the commissioner
476 and placed in foster care. [The commissioner shall make the first such
477 request not later than fifteen days after the youth reaches the age of
478 sixteen years or, for youth age sixteen years of age or older who are in
479 the custody of the commissioner and placed in foster care on or before
480 July 1, 2010, the commissioner shall make the first such request not
481 later than July 31, 2010.] Upon receipt of each credit report, the
482 commissioner or a designee of the commissioner shall review the
483 report for evidence of identity theft, as defined in section 53a-129a and
484 provide a copy of the report to the youth's attorney or guardian ad
485 litem, if any. Upon receipt of the credit report, such attorney or
486 guardian ad litem shall review the report for evidence of identity theft,
487 as defined in section 53a-129a and, in conjunction with the
488 commissioner or designee, shall assist the youth in interpreting such
489 report and resolving any inaccuracies contained in such report. If the
490 commissioner or the commissioner's designee finds evidence of
491 identity theft, not later than five business days after receipt of the
492 credit report, the commissioner shall report such findings to the office
493 of the Chief State's Attorney.

494 [(b) The Commissioner of Children and Families shall review the
495 most recent annual credit report obtained pursuant to subsection (a) of
496 this section, if any, at the time the commissioner reviews the written
497 plan for care, treatment and permanent placement pursuant to section
498 17a-15. If the commissioner found evidence of identity theft in the
499 youth's credit report and reported such finding pursuant to subsection
500 (a) of this section, the commissioner shall advise the youth, the youth's
501 foster parent, the youth's caseworker and any legal representative of
502 the youth of such finding at the time the commissioner reviews the
503 plan.]

504 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 17a-115a of the general statutes is

505 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
506 *October 1, 2013*):

507 (c) No later than [~~fifteen~~] five calendar days after the date such
508 name-based search is performed pursuant to subsection (b) of this
509 section, the department shall request the State Police Bureau of
510 Identification to perform a state and national criminal history records
511 check in accordance with section 29-17a of any person residing in the
512 home. Such criminal history records checks shall be deemed as
513 required by this section for purposes of said section 29-17a and the
514 department may request that such records checks be performed in
515 accordance with subsection (c) of section 29-17a. The results of such
516 criminal history records checks shall be provided to the department. If
517 any person refuses to provide fingerprints or other positive identifying
518 information for purposes of such checks when requested, the
519 department shall immediately remove the child from the home.

520 Sec. 6. Subsection (a) of section 19a-112f of the general statutes is
521 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
522 *October 1, 2013*):

523 (a) There is established a Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners
524 Advisory Committee consisting of the following: (1) The Chief Court
525 Administrator, or the Chief Court Administrator's designee; (2) the
526 Chief State's Attorney, or the Chief State's Attorney's designee; (3) the
527 Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee; (4) the
528 Commissioner of Children and Families, or the commissioner's
529 designee; (5) a representative from the Division of Scientific Services,
530 appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
531 Protection; [(5)] (6) a representative from the Division of State Police
532 appointed by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
533 Protection; [(6)] (7) the Victim Advocate, or the Victim Advocate's
534 designee; [(7)] (8) the president of the Connecticut Hospital
535 Association, or the president's designee; [(8)] (9) the president of the
536 Connecticut College of Emergency Physicians, or the president's

537 designee; [(9)] (10) one member from Connecticut Sexual Assault Crisis
538 Services, Inc., appointed by its board of directors; [(10)] (11) one
539 member from the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association, appointed by
540 the association; [(11)] (12) one member from the Connecticut
541 Emergency Nurses Association, appointed by the association; and
542 [(12)] (13) one member from the Connecticut Chapter of the
543 International Association of Forensic Nurses, appointed by the
544 association.

545 Sec. 7. Section 17a-96 of the general statutes is repealed and the
546 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

547 The institutions having custody of such children and the agencies
548 and persons licensed by authority of sections 17a-90 to 17a-124,
549 inclusive, 17a-145 to [17a-155] 17a-153, inclusive, 17a-175 to 17a-182,
550 inclusive, and 17a-185 shall make such reports to the Commissioner of
551 Children and Families at such reasonable times and in such form and
552 covering such data as the commissioner directs. The commissioner and
553 his deputy and agents shall supervise the placing of such children in
554 foster homes. The commissioner may place children who have not
555 been properly placed in homes suitable for their care and protection. In
556 placing any child in a foster home, the commissioner shall, if
557 practicable, select a home of like religious faith to that of the parent or
558 parents of such child, if such faith is known or ascertainable by the
559 exercise of reasonable care.

560 Sec. 8. Subsection (a) of section 4b-1c of the general statutes is
561 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
562 *October 1, 2013*):

563 (a) (1) Wherever the term "Commissioner of Public Safety" is used in
564 the following general statutes, the term "Commissioner of
565 Construction Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof; and (2)
566 wherever the term "Department of Public Safety" is used in the
567 following general statutes, the term "Department of Construction

568 Services" shall be substituted in lieu thereof: 10a-91d, 10a-109ff, [17a-
569 154,] 21a-86f, 29-109, 29-117, 29-127, 29-191, 29-192, 29-199, 29-200, 29-
570 201, 29-204, 29-221, 29-222, 29-224b, 29-232, 29-233, 29-234, 29-235, 29-
571 236, 29-237, 29-238, 29-239, 29-240, 29-244, 29-251, 29-251a, 29-251b, 29-
572 251c, 29-252, 29-252a, 29-254b, 29-256, 29-256a, 29-256b, 29-258, 29-261,
573 29-262, 29-262a, 29-263, 29-269a, 29-298a, 29-313, 29-315, 29-317, 29-319,
574 29-320, 29-321, 29-322, 29-325, 29-331, 29-332, 29-333, 29-337, 29-338, 29-
575 339, 29-344, 29-345, 29-346, 29-349, 29-355, 29-359, 29-367, 29-401, 29-402
576 and 29-403.

577 Sec. 9. Subsection (h) of section 26-30 of the general statutes is
578 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
579 *October 1, 2013*):

580 (h) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
581 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified
582 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
583 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
584 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group
585 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other
586 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States
587 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2)
588 who receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The
589 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-
590 operated facilities, as defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or
591 facilities funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
592 Services, as provided for in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and
593 17a-676, (3) with intellectual disability or diagnosed with autism
594 spectrum disorder who receive services from the Department of
595 Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-217, or from
596 facilities licensed by the Department of Developmental Services, as
597 provided for in section 17a-227, or (4) receiving care from the
598 Department of Children and Families, as provided for in section 17a-
599 94, or from programs or child-care facilities licensed pursuant to
600 section 17a-145 [] or 17a-147. [or 17a-154.] Any such organization shall

601 conduct not more than fifty such events, including marine and inland
602 water events, in any calendar year and each such event shall be limited
603 to not more than fifty persons. Application for such a group fishing
604 license shall be submitted once per calendar year on a form prescribed
605 by the commissioner and with the necessary fee and shall provide such
606 information as required by the commissioner. All fishing activities
607 conducted pursuant to such group license shall be supervised by staff
608 or volunteers of the organization conducting the event or events. Such
609 staff or volunteers shall possess such group fishing license at the site of
610 any such event or events. Each such staff member or volunteer shall
611 have a license to fish. Such organization shall, not later than ten days
612 after such group fishing event, report to the commissioner, on forms
613 provided by the commissioner, information on the results of such
614 event. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the total:
615 (i) Number of participants, (ii) hours fished, (iii) number of each
616 species caught, and (iv) number of each species not released. Such
617 organization shall not charge a fee to any person that participates in
618 any such group fishing event conducted pursuant to such group
619 fishing license and any such group fishing event shall not be used by
620 such organization as a fund raising event.

621 Sec. 10. Subsection (e) of section 10-76d of the general statutes is
622 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
623 *October 1, 2013*):

624 (e) (1) Any local or regional board of education which provides
625 special education pursuant to any mandates in this section shall
626 provide transportation, to and from, but not beyond the curb of, the
627 residence of the child, unless otherwise agreed upon by the board and
628 the parent or guardian of the child, tuition, room and board and other
629 items necessary to the provision of such special education except for
630 children who are placed in a residential facility because they need
631 services other than educational services, in which case the financial
632 responsibility of the school district and payment to such district shall
633 be limited to the reasonable costs of special education instruction as

634 defined in the regulations of the State Board of Education. If a hearing
635 board, pursuant to subsection (d) of section 10-76h, rejects the
636 educational program prescribed by the local or regional board of
637 education and determines that a placement by a parent or guardian
638 was appropriate, the local or regional board of education shall
639 reimburse the parent or guardian for the reasonable costs incurred for
640 the provision of special education pursuant to this section from the
641 initiation of review procedures as provided by said section 10-76h.

642 (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "public agency" includes the
643 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
644 tribe. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, for
645 the fiscal year ending June 30, 1987, and each fiscal year thereafter,
646 whenever a public agency, other than a local or regional board of
647 education, the State Board of Education or the Superior Court acting
648 pursuant to section 10-76h, places a child in a foster home, group
649 home, hospital, state institution, receiving home, custodial institution
650 or any other residential or day treatment facility, and such child
651 requires special education, the local or regional board of education
652 under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be attending
653 school or, if no such board can be identified, the local or regional board
654 of education of the town where the child is placed, shall provide the
655 requisite special education and related services to such child in
656 accordance with the provisions of this section. Within one business day
657 of such a placement by the Department of Children and Families or
658 offices of a government of a federally recognized Native American
659 tribe, said department or offices shall orally notify the local or regional
660 board of education responsible for providing special education and
661 related services to such child of such placement. The department or
662 offices shall provide written notification to such board of such
663 placement within two business days of the placement. Such local or
664 regional board of education shall convene a planning and placement
665 team meeting for such child within thirty days of the placement and
666 shall invite a representative of the Department of Children and

667 Families or offices of a government of a federally recognized Native
668 American tribe to participate in such meeting. (A) The local or regional
669 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
670 otherwise be attending school shall be financially responsible for the
671 reasonable costs of such special education and related services in an
672 amount equal to the lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such
673 education or the average per pupil educational costs of such board of
674 education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the
675 provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of
676 Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in
677 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
678 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
679 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. (B) Whenever a
680 child is placed pursuant to this subdivision, on or after July 1, 1995, by
681 the Department of Children and Families and the local or regional
682 board of education under whose jurisdiction such child would
683 otherwise be attending school cannot be identified, the local or
684 regional board of education under whose jurisdiction the child
685 attended school or in whose district the child resided at the time of
686 removal from the home by said department shall be responsible for the
687 reasonable costs of special education and related services provided to
688 such child, for one calendar year or until the child is committed to the
689 state pursuant to section 46b-129 or 46b-140 or is returned to the child's
690 parent or guardian, whichever is earlier. If the child remains in such
691 placement beyond one calendar year the Department of Children and
692 Families shall be responsible for such costs. During the period the local
693 or regional board of education is responsible for the reasonable cost of
694 special education and related services pursuant to this subparagraph,
695 the board shall be responsible for such costs in an amount equal to the
696 lesser of one hundred per cent of the costs of such education and
697 related services or the average per pupil educational costs of such
698 board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance
699 with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board
700 of Education shall pay on a current basis, except as provided in

701 subdivision (3) of this subsection, any costs in excess of such local or
702 regional board's basic contributions paid by such board of education in
703 accordance with the provisions of this subdivision. The costs for
704 services other than educational shall be paid by the state agency which
705 placed the child. The provisions of this subdivision shall not apply to
706 the school districts established within the Department of Children and
707 Families, pursuant to section 17a-37, the Department of Correction,
708 pursuant to section 18-99a, or the Department of Developmental
709 Services, pursuant to section 17a-240, provided in any case in which
710 special education is being provided at a private residential institution,
711 including the residential components of regional educational service
712 centers, to a child for whom no local or regional board of education
713 can be found responsible under subsection (b) of this section, Unified
714 School District #2 shall provide the special education and related
715 services and be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of such
716 special education instruction for such children. Notwithstanding the
717 provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2004,
718 to June 30, 2007, inclusive, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2010,
719 to June 30, 2013, inclusive, the amount of the grants payable to local or
720 regional boards of education in accordance with this subdivision shall
721 be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants in such year
722 exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this subdivision
723 for such year.

724 (3) Payment for children who require special education and who
725 reside on state-owned or leased property, [or in permanent family
726 residences as defined in section 17a-154,] and who are not the
727 educational responsibility of the unified school districts established
728 pursuant to section 17a-37, section 17a-240 or section 18-99a, shall be
729 made in the following manner: The State Board of Education shall pay
730 to the school district which is responsible for providing instruction for
731 each such child pursuant to the provisions of this subsection one
732 hundred per cent of the reasonable costs of such instruction. In the
733 fiscal year following such payment, the State Board of Education shall

734 deduct from the special education grant due the local or regional board
735 of education under whose jurisdiction the child would otherwise be
736 attending school, where such board has been identified, the amount
737 for which such board would otherwise have been financially
738 responsible pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of this
739 subsection. No such deduction shall be made for any school district
740 which is responsible for providing special education instruction for
741 children whose parents or legal guardians do not reside within such
742 district. The amount deducted shall be included as a net cost of special
743 education by the Department of Education for purposes of the state's
744 special education grant calculated pursuant to section 10-76g. A school
745 district otherwise eligible for reimbursement under the provisions of
746 this subdivision for the costs of education of a child residing in a
747 permanent family residence shall continue to be so eligible in the event
748 that a person providing foster care in such residence adopts the child.
749 Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision, for the fiscal years
750 ending June 30, 2004, and June 30, 2005, and for the fiscal years ending
751 June 30, 2012, and June 30, 2013, the amount of the grants payable to
752 local or regional boards of education in accordance with this
753 subdivision shall be reduced proportionately if the total of such grants
754 in such year exceeds the amount appropriated for the purposes of this
755 subdivision for such year.

756 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the
757 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services shall provide
758 regular education and special education and related services to eligible
759 residents in facilities operated by the department who are eighteen to
760 twenty-one years of age. In the case of a resident who requires special
761 education, the department shall provide the requisite identification
762 and evaluation of such resident in accordance with the provisions of
763 this section. The department shall be financially responsible for the
764 provision of educational services to eligible residents. The
765 Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Children and
766 Families and Education shall develop and implement an interagency

767 agreement which specifies the role of each agency in ensuring the
768 provision of appropriate education services to eligible residents in
769 accordance with this section. The Department of Mental Health and
770 Addiction Services shall be responsible for one hundred per cent of the
771 reasonable costs of such educational services provided to eligible
772 residents of such facilities.

773 (5) Application for the grant to be paid by the state for costs in
774 excess of the local or regional board of education's basic contribution
775 shall be made by such board of education by filing with the State
776 Board of Education, in such manner as prescribed by the
777 Commissioner of Education, annually on or before December first a
778 statement of the cost of providing special education, as defined in
779 subdivision (2) of this subsection, for a child of the board placed by a
780 state agency in accordance with the provisions of said subdivision or,
781 where appropriate, a statement of the cost of providing educational
782 services other than special educational services pursuant to the
783 provisions of subsection (b) or (g) of section 10-253, provided a board
784 of education may submit, not later than March first, claims for
785 additional children or costs not included in the December filing.
786 Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be made to the local or
787 regional board of education as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the
788 cost in February and the balance in May. The amount due each town
789 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection and the amount due to
790 each town as tuition from other towns pursuant to this section shall be
791 paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such aid, provided the
792 treasurer shall treat such grant or tuition received, or a portion of such
793 grant or tuition, which relates to special education expenditures
794 incurred pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection in
795 excess of such board's budgeted estimate of such expenditures, as a
796 reduction in expenditures by crediting such expenditure account,
797 rather than town revenue. The state shall notify the local or regional
798 board of education when payments are made to the treasurer of the
799 town pursuant to this subdivision.

800 Sec. 11. Subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is
801 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
802 *October 1, 2013*):

803 (b) Any local or regional board of education which provides special
804 education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g,
805 inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of
806 subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding (1)
807 children placed by a state agency for whom a board of education
808 receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (2) of
809 subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and (2) children who require special
810 education, who reside on state-owned or leased property, [or in
811 permanent family residences, as defined in section 17a-154,] and who
812 are not the educational responsibility of the unified school districts
813 established pursuant to sections 17a-37, 17a-240 and 18-99a, shall be
814 financially responsible for the reasonable costs of special education
815 instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State Board of
816 Education, in an amount equal to (A) for any fiscal year commencing
817 prior to July 1, 2005, five times the average per pupil educational costs
818 of such board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in
819 accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of section 10-76f, and
820 (B) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year
821 thereafter, four and one-half times such average per pupil educational
822 costs of such board of education. The State Board of Education shall
823 pay on a current basis any costs in excess of the local or regional
824 board's basic contribution paid by such board in accordance with the
825 provisions of this subsection. Any amounts paid by the State Board of
826 Education on a current basis pursuant to this subsection shall not be
827 reimbursable in the subsequent year. Application for such grant shall
828 be made by filing with the Department of Education, in such manner
829 as prescribed by the commissioner, annually on or before December
830 first a statement of the cost of providing special education pursuant to
831 this subsection, provided a board of education may submit, not later
832 than March first, claims for additional children or costs not included in

833 the December filing. Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be
834 made to the local or regional board of education as follows: Seventy-
835 five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in May. The
836 amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of this subsection
837 shall be paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such aid,
838 provided the treasurer shall treat such grant, or a portion of the grant,
839 which relates to special education expenditures incurred in excess of
840 such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
841 expenditures, as a reduction in expenditures by crediting such
842 expenditure account, rather than town revenue. Such expenditure
843 account shall be so credited no later than thirty days after receipt by
844 the treasurer of necessary documentation from the board of education
845 indicating the amount of such special education expenditures incurred
846 in excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such
847 expenditures.

848 Sec. 12. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 17a-11 of the general
849 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
850 (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

851 (c) Not more than one hundred twenty days after admitting a child
852 or youth on a voluntary basis, the department shall petition the
853 probate court for the district in which a parent or guardian of the child
854 or youth resides for a determination as to whether continuation in care
855 is in the child's or youth's best interest and, if so, whether there is an
856 appropriate case service or permanency plan. A case service plan shall
857 be required for all children and youths receiving services voluntarily
858 from the department who are not in an out-of-home placement. A
859 permanency plan shall be required for all children and youths
860 voluntarily admitted to the department and placed by the department
861 in a foster home licensed pursuant to section 17a-114 or a facility
862 licensed pursuant to section 17a-145. [or 17a-154.] Upon receipt of such
863 application, the court shall set a time and place for hearing to be held
864 within thirty days of receipt of the application, unless continued by the
865 court for cause shown. The court shall order notice of the hearing to be

866 given by first class mail at least five days prior to the hearing to the
867 Commissioner of Children and Families, and by first class mail at least
868 five days prior to the hearing to the parents or guardian of the child
869 and the minor, if over twelve years of age. If the whereabouts of the
870 parent or guardian are unknown, or if delivery cannot reasonably be
871 effected, then notice shall be ordered to be given by publication. In
872 making its determination, the court shall consider the items specified
873 in subsection (d) of this section. The court shall possess continuing
874 jurisdiction in proceedings under this section.

875 (d) (1) Ten months after admitting a child or youth on a voluntary
876 basis and annually thereafter if the child or youth remains in the
877 custody of the commissioner and remains placed in a foster home
878 licensed pursuant to section 17a-114 or a facility licensed pursuant to
879 section 17a-145, [or 17a-154,] the commissioner shall file a motion for
880 review of a permanency plan. A hearing on such motion shall be held
881 not later than thirty days after the filing of such motion. The court shall
882 provide notice to the child or youth and such child's or youth's parent
883 or guardian of the time and place of the hearing on such motion not
884 less than ten days prior to the date of such hearing.

885 (2) At a permanency hearing held in accordance with the provisions
886 of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the court shall approve a
887 permanency plan that is in the best interests of the child or youth and
888 takes into consideration the child's or youth's need for permanency.
889 The health and safety of the child or youth shall be of paramount
890 concern in formulating such plan. At such hearing, the court shall
891 consider among other things: (A) The appropriateness of the
892 department's plan for service to the child or youth and his or her
893 family; (B) the treatment and support services that have been offered
894 and provided to the child or youth to strengthen and reunite the
895 family; (C) if return home is not likely for the child or youth, the efforts
896 that have been made or should be made to evaluate and plan for other
897 modes of care; and (D) any further efforts which have been or will be
898 made to promote the best interests of the child or youth.

899 (3) The permanency plan pursuant to subdivision (2) of this
900 subsection may include the goal of (A) placement of the child or youth
901 with the parent or guardian, (B) transfer of guardianship, (C) long-
902 term foster care with a relative licensed as a foster parent or certified as
903 a relative caregiver, (D) termination of parental rights and adoption, or
904 (E) such other planned permanent living arrangement ordered by the
905 court provided the commissioner has documented a compelling reason
906 why it would not be in the best interest of the child or youth for the
907 permanency plan to include the goals in subparagraphs (A) to (D),
908 inclusive, of this subdivision. Such other planned permanent living
909 arrangement may include, but not be limited to, placement of a child
910 or youth in an independent living program or long-term foster care
911 with an identified foster parent.

912 (4) At a permanency hearing, the court shall review the status of the
913 child or youth and the progress being made to implement the
914 permanency plan, determine a timetable for attaining the permanency
915 prescribed by the plan and determine whether the commissioner has
916 made reasonable efforts to achieve the permanency plan. At the
917 conclusion of the hearing, the court may: (A) Direct that the services
918 being provided, or the placement of the child or youth and
919 reunification efforts, be continued if the court, after hearing,
920 determines that continuation of the child or youth in services or
921 placement is in the child's or youth's best interests, or (B) direct that the
922 child's or youth's services or placement be modified to reflect the
923 child's or youth's best interest.

924 Sec. 13. Subsection (a) of section 17a-22g of the general statutes is
925 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
926 *October 1, 2013*):

927 (a) The Judicial Branch and each state agency, community-based
928 program, organization or individual that provides behavioral health or
929 substance abuse prevention and treatment programs that are operated,
930 funded or licensed by the Department of Children and Families

931 pursuant to sections 17a-20, 17a-114, 17a-145, 17a-147, 17a-149, 17a-151
932 [] and 17a-152 [and 17a-154] shall provide case specific information to
933 the department for purposes directly connected with the
934 administration of Connecticut Community KidCare in such form and
935 manner as the department requests. The provisions of this section shall
936 be subject to the confidentiality requirements as set forth in applicable
937 federal law.

938 Sec. 14. Subsection (h) of section 26-30 of the general statutes is
939 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
940 *October 1, 2013*):

941 (h) The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection may
942 issue a group fishing license to any tax-exempt organization qualified
943 under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any
944 subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States,
945 as amended from time to time, for the purpose of conducting a group
946 fishing event or events for persons: (1) With a service-related or other
947 disability who receive services at a facility of the United States
948 Department of Veterans Affairs Connecticut Healthcare System, (2)
949 who receive mental health or addiction services from: (A) The
950 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, (B) state-
951 operated facilities, as defined in section 17a-458, or (C) programs or
952 facilities funded by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction
953 Services, as provided for in sections 17a-468b, 17a-469, 17a-673 and
954 17a-676, (3) with intellectual disability or diagnosed with autism
955 spectrum disorder who receive services from the Department of
956 Developmental Services, as provided for in section 17a-217, or from
957 facilities licensed by the Department of Developmental Services, as
958 provided for in section 17a-227, or (4) receiving care from the
959 Department of Children and Families, as provided for in section 17a-
960 94, or from programs or child-care facilities licensed pursuant to
961 section 17a-145 [] or 17a-147. [or 17a-154.] Any such organization shall
962 conduct not more than fifty such events, including marine and inland
963 water events, in any calendar year and each such event shall be limited

964 to not more than fifty persons. Application for such a group fishing
 965 license shall be submitted once per calendar year on a form prescribed
 966 by the commissioner and with the necessary fee and shall provide such
 967 information as required by the commissioner. All fishing activities
 968 conducted pursuant to such group license shall be supervised by staff
 969 or volunteers of the organization conducting the event or events. Such
 970 staff or volunteers shall possess such group fishing license at the site of
 971 any such event or events. Each such staff member or volunteer shall
 972 have a license to fish. Such organization shall, not later than ten days
 973 after such group fishing event, report to the commissioner, on forms
 974 provided by the commissioner, information on the results of such
 975 event. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the total:
 976 (i) Number of participants, (ii) hours fished, (iii) number of each
 977 species caught, and (iv) number of each species not released. Such
 978 organization shall not charge a fee to any person that participates in
 979 any such group fishing event conducted pursuant to such group
 980 fishing license and any such group fishing event shall not be used by
 981 such organization as a fund raising event.

982 Sec. 15. Sections 17a-154 and 17a-155 of the general statutes are
 983 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2013*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-4(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-28
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-93
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-114b
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-115a(c)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	19a-112f(a)
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-96
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	4b-1c(a)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	26-30(h)
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	10-76d(e)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	10-76g(b)
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-11(c) and (d)

Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	17a-22g(a)
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	26-30(h)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To make various technical changes and minor revisions to the statutes involving the Department of Children and Families.

[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.]