



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6499

LCO No. 3785



Referred to Committee on CHILDREN

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY
ASSESSMENT PROGRAM AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS.***

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

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2013*) (a) There is established a task force
2 on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The task
3 force shall consist of the following members: (1) The Commissioner of
4 Children and Families, or said commissioner's designee, (2) the
5 Commissioner of Social Services, or said commissioner's designee, (3)
6 the Commissioner of Education, or said commissioner's designee, (4)
7 the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
8 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
9 matters relating to children, and (5) two members of the public
10 appointed by the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
11 having cognizance of matters relating to children, one of whom is an
12 advocate for children's rights and one of whom is an academic, civic or
13 cultural leader specializing in children's rights. All appointments to the
14 task force shall be made not later than July 31, 2013. Any vacancy shall
15 be filled by the appointing authority.

16 (b) The task force shall: (1) Research the effectiveness of the United
17 Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, (2) implement results-
18 based accountability measures to track progress towards the goals and
19 objectives outlined in the convention, (3) receive reports and testimony
20 from individuals, state and local agencies, community-based
21 organizations and other public and private organizations regarding the
22 importance of the convention, (4) create goals for state policy that
23 would prevent the abuse of children's rights in the state, (5) advise the
24 General Assembly and the Governor concerning the coordination and
25 administration of programs that may prevent the abuse of children's
26 rights within the state, and (6) urge the United States Congress to ratify
27 the convention so that the United States may join the one hundred
28 ninety-three nations having already ratified the convention.

29 (c) Not later than October 1, 2014, the task force shall submit a
30 report detailing the task force's findings pursuant to subsection (b) of
31 this section to the General Assembly and the joint standing committee
32 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
33 children, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
34 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To explore the effectiveness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and determine whether the state's children would benefit from the United States Congress ratifying the convention.

[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.]